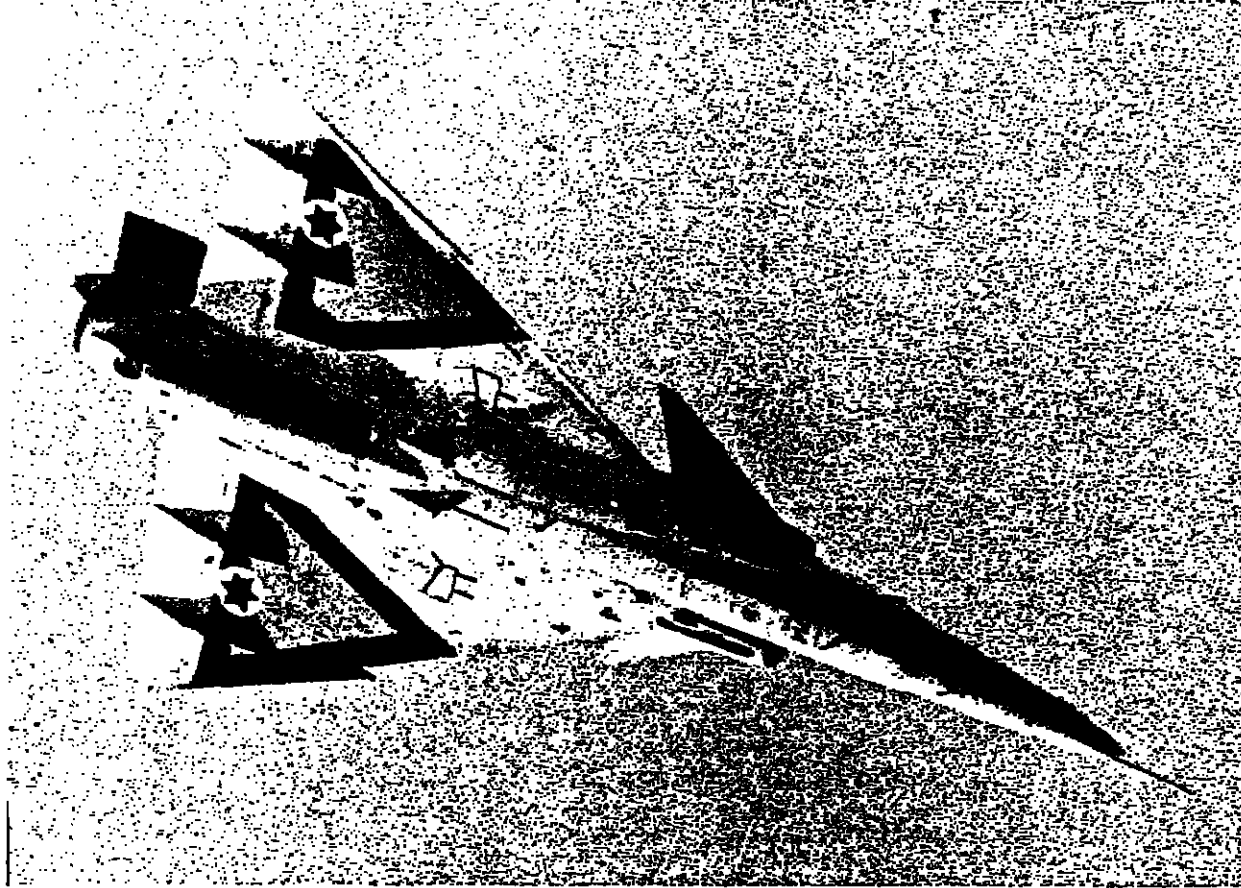


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Israel's new Kfir C-2 shows its paces at the Air Force fly-past yesterday.

(Rubinger)

## Peres tells new pilots on Air Force Day: 'Israel can reach entire Arab world'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defense Minister Shimon Peres told new pilots yesterday Israel's enemies spread over 12 million square kilometres were vulnerable to an Israeli counter attack. Speaking at the passing-out parade of a pilot training course on the occasion of Air Force Day, Peres said: "When Israel is called upon to deal with a threat spread out over the 12 million square kilometres of the Arab countries, it must make it clear that every square kilometre posing a threat to Israel faces an Israeli counter-threat."

The Air Force gives Israel the option "of a pre-emptive strike and an attack deep inside enemy territory," he said. The pilots who yesterday completed their two-year course will now join "the sensitive nerve (in Israel's deterrent system)," Peres said, pointing the Air Force receives about half the bud-

get for defence purchases. The improved Kfir was the highlight of yesterday's ceremony in an Air Force base. In its first public appearance, the Kfir C-2 climbed swiftly, performed rolls and other aerobatic tricks.

One foreign military attaché said: "As a fighter, the Kfir is the best aircraft in the world." It is better than the latest model of the Mirage, he believed.

The Phantom, Israel's front-line fighter, also participated in the aerobatic show. It rolled while climbing and changed direction in a 90 degree angle.

Israel's biggest and heaviest helicopter, the CH-53, showed superb manoeuvrability in climbing like an elevator or staying in one spot in the air.

The Air Force's aerobatic group, flying Fouga Magisters flew low over tree tops, spread out like a fan and changed formation into a circle where one followed another.

The show also included a flight in close formation when the leading plane flew up-side-down. The Fouga landed in close formation too.

As a gesture of nostalgia, the Air Force recently brought a World War II Harvard from England and this yellow-painted plane, flown in the show, emphasized the strides taken in aviation since.

On the ground, the Air Force displayed a Kfir (without the new wings), a Phantom, a Skyhawk and a Hercules C-130 of the type which took part in the IDF raid in Uganda. CH-53, Super Frelon and Bell helicopters were also shown.

Anti-aircraft guns and missiles mounted on armoured vehicles with tracks were also displayed. They included Hawk and Chaparral missiles as well as 20MM Vulcan anti-aircraft guns.

After yesterday's show, a formation of Kfirs flew over various parts of the country.

(See New Kfir, page 3)

## Amin plans Jerusalem trip

NAIROBI. — President Idi Amin of Uganda is planning a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Uganda Radio said yesterday.

"Whether the Arabs or Israelis like it or not he intends to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem," it said.

The radio said Amin will "stay in the mosques around there," would inform the Israeli authorities "three or five days in advance and he expects to land at Lod Airport."

The broadcast, monitored here, said "the only persons in Israel to whom he is prepared to talk during the pilgrimage are former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

and former Prime Minister Golda Meir.

"Any of these people are free to meet him at the airport," the broadcast said.

On relations with Kenya, the broadcast quoted Amin as saying Uganda would never attack Kenya. Tension between the two African neighbours flared after Israel's rescue operation at Entebbe airport on July 4. Amin reportedly said he did not want to see "blood brothers fighting among themselves."

The broadcast said: "When the problems between Uganda and Kenya are over he (Amin) intends to honeymoon both in Kenya and Britain."

(UPI, Reuters)

## Blacks riot in South Africa

WITBANK, South Africa. — Blacks rioted here last night and police reports said one man was killed and 20 people were injured.

Police said young blacks were attacking Indians, coloureds (mixed race) and whites. The dead man was an African.

## Steep drop in gold price

BRUSSELS. — In a flooded market with selling far outstripping demand, the price of gold plummeted more than \$7 yesterday, putting it at a 32-month low in Zurich and a 31-month low in London.

The metal fell in Zurich from Monday's close of \$114.25 an ounce to \$106.75. In London it tumbled from the overnight \$113.50 to \$106 before rallying slightly to a \$107 close. In two days it has fallen

more than \$11 in Switzerland and \$10 in London.

Dealers said an International Monetary Fund auction of 750,000 ounces of the metal last Wednesday to raise money for developing countries sparked the latest dive in what was already a depressed market. The quantity of gold was just too big for the market to absorb, dealers said. The reaction has put in doubt a further 14 auctions the IMF plans.

(UPI)

## E. Germans top Olympic gold

MONTREAL. — Klaus-Jürgen Grunke of East Germany won the gold medal in the one-kilometre time trial cycling event at the Olympics yesterday, to take his country to the top of the medals list.

The U.S. trailed East Germany by one in the medal standings, as Don Haldeman, 29, of the U.S. won the trap shooting event.

(Other Olympic News, pages 2 and 3)

## Israel's Weitz tops lifters in Group B

MONTREAL. — Israel's Edward Weitz yesterday topped the Group B featherweight weightlifting competition at the Olympic games, lifting a total of 262.5 kg. in the snatch, clean and jerk.

Weitz snatched 110 kg. placing fourth, while Andres Santoyo of Mexico placed first with 112.5 kg. But Weitz lifted 152.5 in the clean and jerk, beating the next lifter by 7.5 kg. to top the group and enter the final, giving Israel a hope for a medal.

## TENNIS WIN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's national junior tennis team gained a winning 3-0 lead over Poland last night in its first semi-final round match of the Galea Cup at Murcia, Spain.

Glickstein and Sherr both won their singles match and then teamed up to take the doubles.

(See earlier story page 3)

## Health Bill vote put off

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Health Minister Victor Shemtov yesterday told the Public Services Committee that the Government wished to postpone the vote on the national Health Insurance bill. He indicated that the bill might be shelved altogether.

The Independent Liberals and the National Religious Party on Monday warned that they would vote the bill down in the Committee, and asked for a stay in the vote to permit further study of the legislation.

The Likud also asked for a stay in the vote yesterday.

All these parties support the idea of a national health scheme but oppose details of the present bill.

Shemtov later made it clear at a meeting of Mapam parliamentarians and Histadrut leaders that he would not make the bill a prestige matter at this point, and would not threaten to split the Alignment (and the government) over it. "It's a Labour law, not a Mapam law," he said. "Yosef Almog, the former Labour Minister, drafted its principles. The law may not be passed at all during the life of this Knesset."

(Mapam's Minister Shemtov and Public Services Committee chairman Chalka Grossman are committed to the legislation.)

Shemtov told the Mapam meeting that Premier Yitzhak Rabin would convene a meeting of Coalition heads on Friday to sort out the tangle. Shemtov said Rabin had promised him he would get the legislation approved in the Public Health Services Committee before the House rises for the summer recess at the end of next week. The legislation itself might only come to the plenum for the final reading (to become law) during the winter term. At the Friday meeting, Mapam will press the Prime Minister to keep to this undertaking.

(The proposed Health Law provides health insurance for the entire population through the existing sick funds.) The ILP said on Monday that the bill as it stands would lead to a waste of money by preventing the National Insurance Institute from collecting dues in a centralized manner and it would in effect prevent citizens from choosing their sick funds freely.

In the Public Services Committee, Shemtov was bitter about critics of the Health Law. He said 700,000 citizens would continue to suffer because of the delay. Many persons, had died over the years because they were not cared for under any medical scheme, he charged.

During the internal Mapam discussion, some speakers charged that the NRP did not suggest any changes at all in the Health Law, but merely wanted to be bought off with more job patronage in the Kupat Holim administration, and with better terms with regard to distribution of political dues in the Histadrut.

Some Mapam speakers said that the ILP provoked the crisis because it would not be sorry to quit the Coalition on an issue such as this. Other Mapam speakers criticized Premier Rabin for giving Labour Minister Moshe Baran full support over the Settlement of Labour Disputes Law, while failing to aid Health Minister Victor Shemtov over the Health Law, despite the fact that it had been in Committee in the last Knesset and the present one for three-and-a-half years.

David Landau adds: The ILP reiterated its pledge yesterday to leave the government if the Health Law goes through in its present form. Minister Gideon Hausner told The Post that as far as ILP was concerned, there could be no question of compromise.

"We accepted the continued existence of the sick funds under the new bill, although we would have much preferred a nationalized health service on the British model. That was a far-reaching compromise — and we will not go any farther," Hausner asserted.

The bill in its present form effectively denied the right of free choice of health fund to the majority of the nation who were Histadrut members, Hausner argued. This was because it provided that a man opting to leave the Histadrut's sick fund could find himself bereft of Histadrut membership and hence of trade union protection.

## Sanctions law passes first Knesset reading

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter: The controversial Settlement of Labour Disputes Law, nicknamed the "sanctions law" in parliamentary circles, was voted to the Labour Committee on the first reading in the Knesset yesterday by 48 to 17.

The law will mean that slow-down strikers, and workers who carry out other labour sanctions, can lose pay because of it.

Likud and most of Labour backed the legislation, along with the NRP and the ILP.

However, Mapam voted against it, as well as five Labour MKs: Haviy, Shimoni, Jacques Amir, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Nuzhat Ketzav and Shalom Levin. Another Labour MK, Ora Namir, stayed out of the chamber during the vote. It was not clear last night whether the Labour rebels would earn more than a mild rebuke for their action. All six of them wrote to Alignment chairman Moshe Werthan last night demanding that the "sanctions law" be discussed in the Labour Party Central Committee before it is completed in the Labour Committee and brought back to the plenum for the final reading.

## Lebanese Moslems come out for Assad

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent and agencies

Lebanon's Moslem political leaders yesterday came out strongly in favour of Syrian intervention in their country, saying that the role played by Damascus was vital for the restoration of law and order in Lebanon. Grouping themselves in a "Lebanese Moslem Alignment," these leaders said in a statement that they saw no alternative to Syria's assistance to end Lebanon's 18-month civil war.

A spokesman for the alignment, former Premier Abdullah el-Yafi, later said that an absolute majority of Lebanon was now in support of Syria's efforts to settle the Lebanese strife under a formula which would divide the administration equally between Christians and Moslems and confine the Palestine Liberation Organization to certain areas. This was the first time the Lebanese Moslems have come out openly in support of the Syrian intervention — already approved by Christian leaders.

The Moslem leaders' statement was a severe blow to the PLO-leftist alliance which has violently opposed Syria's march into Lebanon. In an

apparent response to this development, PLO chief Yasser Arafat yesterday agreed to send emissaries to Damascus for preliminary reconciliation talks with Syrian leaders.

Arafat was also reported to have met secretly on Monday night with Christian leaders for a possible relaxation of the fighting, especially in areas where PLO-leftist forces have been hard pressed recently. Arafat and the Christian leaders were said to have agreed to allow some of the 2,500 Arab League "peace-keeping" troops, trapped in Beirut airport, to police the "green line" separating Beirut's Christian-held sector and the PLO-controlled western side. They were also reported to have agreed to revive public services and the supply of food, fuel, electricity and communications in the Lebanese capital.

The two sides were also said to have agreed on a temporary ceasefire at the strategic Tel el-Zaatar camp, east of Beirut, where the PLO-leftist forces have been besieged for four weeks. Christian militia leader Amin Jemayyel, son of Phalangist party boss Pierre Jemayyel, said that he agreed to a cease-fire at Tel el-Zaatar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

today for the removal of the wounded and civilians wishing to leave the beleaguered camp. Despite persistent reports of an imminent Christian-Syrian attack on the PLO-leftist controlled western Beirut, the Lebanese capital's battle fronts remained relatively quiet.

However, there were skirmishes between the Christians and the PLO-leftist forces in the mountain areas. Clashes there were said to have been behind the U.S. decision to put off the evacuation of Americans and other foreigners from Beirut to Damascus by land.

## U.S. arms denial

Jerusalem Post Correspondent BONN. — The U.S. Embassy here yesterday denied "absolutely and categorically" news reports that weapons from American military bases in West Germany were being sent to Lebanon.

The official U.S. statement followed a report in several German newspapers that 180m marks worth of machineguns, small arms, mortars, ammunition, and troop carriers had been sent to Lebanese Christians.

## Assad: What does PLO want in Lebanon?

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent Syrian President Hafez Assad last night lashed out at the Palestine Liberation Organization's opposition to his role in Lebanon, noting that the PLO's own skin came to save the PLO's own skin. Speaking to a conference of local authorities in Damascus, Assad

praised Lebanon's outgoing Christian President Suleiman Franjeh, whom he described as an honourable man who stood by his word. The Syrian leader indicated that Franjeh had been far-reaching in his acceptance of PLO conditions for coexistence in Lebanon. "What do they (the Palestinians) want in Lebanon?" Assad asked.

Assad said that Syria could not

shide during recent developments in Lebanon, noting that the civil war there had led to the flight of half-a-million Syrian labourers and as many Lebanese from Beirut to Syria. He said that Syria was forced to intervene in the Lebanese chaos, through risking a war with Israel.

The civil war in Lebanon was not between the Christians and the Moslems, but between Christianity and Islam on the one hand and their enemies on the other, he said.

Assad claimed that the Lebanese war had stemmed from a conspiracy basically aimed at three targets: diverting Arab attention from the Sinai interim accord which Egypt signed with Israel last September;

exhausting the "Palestinian resistance movement"; and effecting the partition of Lebanon into Christian and Moslem states.

## Syrian office hit by 'Palestine' bomb

ROME. — A one-kg timebomb exploded in the Syrian Airlines office in central Rome yesterday and police said decals posted on an adjacent street sign indicated it was the work of Palestinians.

Officers said the bomb damaged walls inside the Airline office, smashed its glass front and those of nearby offices. No one was injured.

(UPI)

## Egypt and Sudan sign defence pact

CAIRO. — Egypt and Sudan have concluded a 25-year defence pact which Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said would have far-reaching consequences in the Arab region.

The treaty was spurred by what

the two signatories consider as a Libyan threat to their security.

The text of the accord was to have been published yesterday, according to the Egyptian newspaper "Al Akhbar." The pact states that aggression on either country would

be tantamount to aggression on the other, the newspaper said.

It added that the agreement calls for the setting up of a joint defence council, and the establishment of a "joint military staff authority."

(UPI)

## Viking 1 lands on Mars

PASADENA, California. — America's Viking 1 space robot landed safely on Mars yesterday and radioed back the first picture taken from the planet's surface — a sharp image showing the probe's footpad resting on rocky Martian soil.

The three-legged spacecraft rode a cushion of rocket exhaust to a gentle touchdown in a lowland considered one of the best places for its instruments to conduct the first search for life on the red planet.

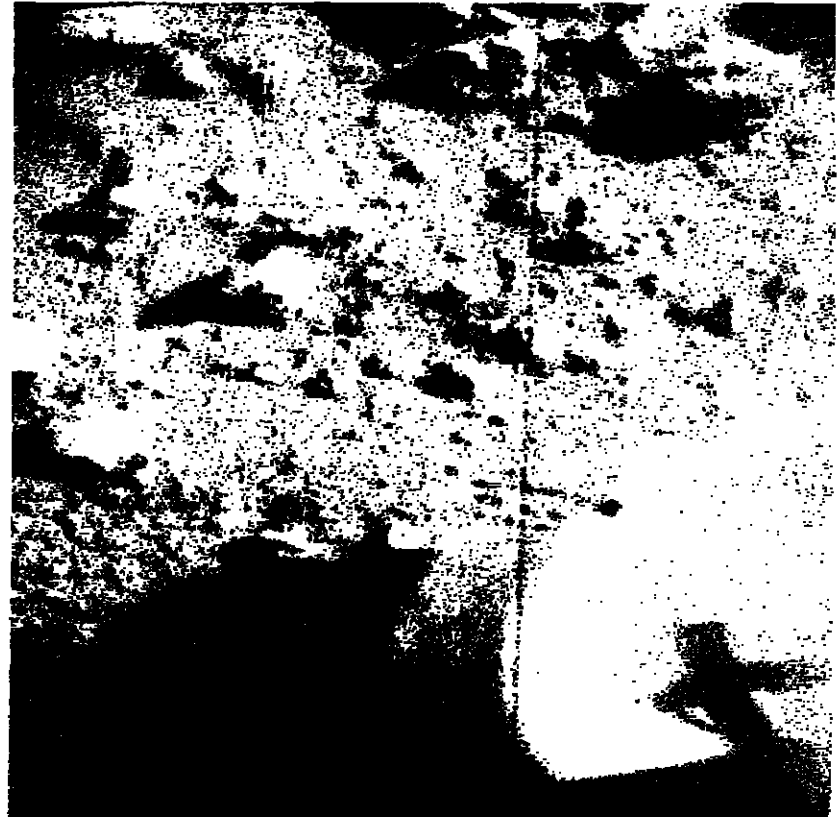
The spacecraft had streaked through the thin Martian atmosphere after separating from its orbiting mother ship. It touched down at 4:53 California time (11:53 GMT); — 17 seconds late at the end of a 500 million km. journey from earth.

"Touchdown" cried a relieved ground controller at the jet propulsion laboratory here as word of the successful landing — a major landmark in space exploration — was radioed to earth.

Clapping broke out as, line by line, the first photograph from the planet's surface was built up on television screens here. It showed sharp stones scattered around the landing site, with one large pointed rock in the middle.

The picture suggested that the landing site, thought to be a dried-up lake in the northern hemisphere, was well chosen for two earlier landings had to be abandoned because the areas were too rough.

As the picture of the Mars



ROCKS AND DIRT shown in first picture sent from Mars. The space robot's aluminium footpad is seen in lower right. (UPI telephoto)

panorama appeared on television, the voice of President Gerald Ford broke in to congratulate space agency officials for what he called "the wonderful and most remarkable success of this historic mission."

A little wind, whipping up when the craft's rockets braking set the vehicle gently down, showed space scientists what they most hoped for — soil to scoop up and test for organic life.

Al Hibbs, an experienced commentator for many U.S. space shots,

said: "It's an incredibly good picture. The detail is incredible. The resolution (clarity) is fantastic. As a geologist, you can say there are rocks and there is dirt."

The success came seven years and one day after another space landmark, the walk on the moon by U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong.

Previous attempts by the Soviet Union to make soft landings on Mars and Venus either failed completely or went off the air after a maximum of one hour.

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Tiberias	33	24-35	35
Nazareth	47	18-28	28
Afula	43	20-31	31
Shomron	47	18-28	28
Tel Aviv	71	22-28	28
B.G. Airport	47	20-31	32
Jericho	37	22-36	37
Gaza	68	21-29	29
Beerseheba	35	20-32	32
Blit	16	24-36	37
Tiran Straits	28	18-33	35

## Social and Personal

President and Mrs. Ephraim Katzir yesterday received a group of 200 new immigrants from various countries, presented by the absorption department of the Histadrut.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu met yesterday with a group of IDF veterans, members of the Israel Veterans Association.

Herzl Katz will speak at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, on "Strength is within us," at 1 p.m. today.

## Folklore festival at Haifa

HAIFA. — Some 800 folkdancers of 14 nations will perform in native costumes at the city stadium here on Saturday night, opening a week-long international folklore festival.

The festival was organized by the municipality and the International Federation of Folklore Festivals (CIOFF), whose president Henri Coursaget, of France, will be present.

A similar festival here three years ago was such a success in high spirits, performance, colour and public acclaim that CIOFF and city hall agreed on repeating it. Some 500 dancers are expected from overseas and will be put up at the youth city here. Another 300 are selected Israeli groups, among them Yemenites, Arabs, and Druse.

Thirteen public performances of all the dancers have been planned: nine here, one in Jerusalem, two in Tel Aviv and one at kibbutz Yagur.

The 13 participating overseas countries are Bolivia, England, Finland, France, West Germany, Holland, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Switzerland, Turkey, U.S.A. and Yugoslavia.

## NO LEADS IN BUS BOMBING

TEL AVIV. — The police have held for questioning and released about 15 suspects in last Sunday's bus bombing.

In an effort to aid their investigation, police stationed men at the central bus station and questioned Arab workers arriving on the 587 bus from Kfar Sava. It was on the 587 leaving Kfar Sava at 6:05 that the explosion took place.

Despite publication of the police telephone number, 744144, and a request for information about the blast there have been very few callers.

## Press Office move

The Jerusalem branch of the Government Press Office will now be its head bureau, according to a recent decision by the Prime Minister.

The Jerusalem Post was informed of this yesterday evening by the office's newly-appointed director, Dr. Meron Medzini, who replaces David Lander in the post.

## U.S. reactors by mid-1980s

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. will deliver nuclear reactors to Israel and Egypt by the mid-1980s, the State Department said yesterday. It was announcing completion of the negotiations. Each reactor will cost about \$1,000m.

## New envoy to Ecuador

Sinal Rom has been appointed ambassador to Ecuador and will take up his post there in several weeks' time.

The new appointee has been deputy director of the Foreign Ministry's United Nations department. Previous to that he served in diplomatic posts in Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Mexico and Canada.

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## Rabin steps into feud with Almogi Dulzin hits decision to forgo elections to Zionist Congress

By DAVID LANDAU  
and JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

World Zionist Organization Treasurer Arye Dulzin has hit out hard at last week's decision by Zionist leaders to dispense with elections for the forthcoming Zionist Congress. Dulzin said yesterday the decision was "a blow to the democratic character of the Zionist movement."

The decision was taken at a special meeting of the Zionist General Council (the "Actions Committee") during last week's Jewish Agency Assembly. It determined that wherever 90 per cent of Zionist representatives (elected five years ago, before the last Congress) agree on a state for the next Congress, no elections need be held.

WZO Chairman, Yosef Almogi said subsequently that the decision meant that there would be elections "in most countries."

It has already been irrevocably decided, The Jerusalem Post reliably learns, not to hold elections in the U.S., where two-thirds of the Diaspora's registered Zionists live.

Dulzin told The Jerusalem Post the decision to forgo elections would "prevent new groups and

young people who have joined the Zionist movement since the last Congress from appearing at the Congress.

The decision he said, stemmed from "party-political manoeuvring designed to secure the continuation of the status quo... to freeze the present situation... The responsibility for it lies chiefly with the Confederation of General Zionists and with the Labour Zionists."

Dulzin rejected Almogi's assertion that elections would inevitably entail a two-year postponement of the Congress. The Zionist General Council had decided back in January to hold elections, and preparations could still be held in time, the Treasurer insisted.

Dulzin's stand in favour of elections has once again sparked rumours of bad blood between him and Almogi, despite a public rapprochement between them last week.

Some observers, apparently close to Dulzin, have argued that Almogi prefers not to have elections so as not to risk a change in the power balance which could possibly help Dulzin mount a new challenge for the chairmanship.

Sources close to Almogi insist, on the other hand, that the chairman was in fact uncomfortable with the decision to forgo elections — but his only alternative had been to

postpone the Congress, which he preferred not to do. The postponement would inevitably stretch to two years these sources argue, because of the Israeli elections due late in 1977.

It was the Confederation which was the main proponent of the decision to waive the elections. Confederation leaders, among them the heads of Hadassah, argue *inter alia* that elections would be an unjustified cash expenditure and would clash in the U.S. with the Presidential elections — an undesirable situation.

The Confederation's political rivals contend, though, that its fear of elections stems from its internal power struggles and from its fear of losing votes in Britain and other countries.

The Almogi-Dulzin feud, it is meanwhile learned, exercised the peace-making abilities of Prime Minister Rabin during last week. The Premier spoke privately with Mr. Almogi, it is understood, and urged him to tone down his attacks on Mr. Dulzin. Mr. Rabin's top aide, Amos Eran, apparently delivered a similar message to Dulzin.

None of the parties involved wished to comment on this report yesterday. "Some things are best left out of the newspapers," Amos Eran said.



Agudat Yisrael held its first internal elections yesterday for 32 years. Here Menachem Porush (centre), leader of the "Shomrei Emunim" faction, casts his vote in a Jerusalem polling station. With him (right) is Aguda official Avraham Yosef Lezerov. Some 70 per cent of the 18,000 eligible (male) voters around the country had cast their votes by 10 p.m. according to officials. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Knesset chief guard's extra job being studied

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The State Comptroller is studying an opinion by the Knesset internal comptroller, Yitzhak Lieberman, that Sergeant-at-Arms Yitzhak Ben-Gal should not have been paid for work done at the Knesset during the 1969 and 1973 elections.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, who feels that the payments were fully in order, sent Lieberman's opinion to the State Comptroller at Ben-Gal's request.

Ben-Gal told The Jerusalem Post last night: "A lot of officials in the Knesset are jealous of me because I was successful at discharging duties which they are not capable of filling and which were never entrusted to them. Throughout the years since I took over as Sergeant-at-Arms in 1967, the Speaker has been getting poison pen letters about me, and I know that they are inspired by pure envy because of my efficiency."

Speaking of Lieberman, who is a 73-year-old civil service pensioner, Ben-Gal said: "I shall sue him for libel. Anyway, I'm sure that somebody dictated most of what he wrote in his recommendations."

Ben-Gal is said to have received IL29,000 for his work in connection with the 1969 and 1973 elections together. He told The Post: "I had plenty of leave coming to me. I ran

the building on behalf of the Central Elections Committee instead of taking leave. I also did part of the job as overtime." He claimed that all payments he received were legal and duly approved.

In a special statement, Speaker Yeshayahu noted that he had taken up the issue of paid work by senior Knesset officials for the elections with the Attorney-General, the State Comptroller and the chairman of the Central Elections Committee, Justice Haim Cohn. The Speaker said that they were divided for and against the practice (without explaining how). The Central Elections Committee has already decided to make less use of senior Knesset officials in connection with the 1977 elections. As a result, the Knesset's Accountant-General and other top staff will no longer perform double functions.

(Yitzhak Ben-Gal is no relation to Zvi Ben-Gal, a Knesset guard who is suspected of receiving stolen goods, as reported in Sunday's Jerusalem Post).

## Medical congress chooses Israel

MANILA. — The fourth world congress on medical law tentatively selected Israel yesterday, as the location of its next international meeting, despite opposition from Saudi Arabia.

Professor M.A. Monheim Nour of the University of Riyadh protested the selection on behalf of Saudi Arabia. He said one-third of the congress members from the Middle East, Africa and other Third World countries would not be able to attend.

Suggesting Saudi Arabia as a location, he said his government would provide delegates with free accommodation and transportation and donate \$100,000 to the Brussels-based organization.

The lone Israel delegate, Dr. Amnon Carmi, a Haifa District Court judge, said the Israel Government would guarantee that all delegates, including those from Moslem countries, would be given visas to attend the meeting in Israel. (AP)

## Kissinger tells author Saul Bellow 'Israel-Arab conflict almost insoluble'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Saul Bellow, the American-Jewish novelist, who recently met with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, says the secretary complained that American Jews were "letting themselves be used as lobbyists by Israeli leaders," and by doing this they were "helping neither Israel nor themselves."

In a lengthy article in this week's "New Yorker" magazine, Bellow also reveals other aspects of Kissinger's gloomy assessment of the Middle East situation. Bellow says that he met with Kissinger for only 30 minutes, but the secretary confronted him "earnestly, full face."

"Ah," Kissinger was quoted as saying, "If only the Bible had been written in Uganda. Every one would have been so much better off."

The Bellow meeting with Kis-

singer, which took place before the Israeli rescue at Entebbe, left the writer with the impression that Kissinger believes the Arab-Israeli conflict to be very complex and almost impossible to settle.

After describing how Kissinger tries to convey the image of Israel's great "defender" in Washington, Bellow continues:

"In this warmth, however, there are icy spots — a scattering of threats which he perhaps has the habit of making when talking to American Jews. They had better understand that in letting themselves be used as lobbyists by Israeli leaders they are helping neither Israel nor themselves."

"In the disastrous event of Israel's defeat they too will get it in the neck. So they had better stop making so much noise in Washington and under-

mining their chief protector, Henry Kissinger."

Bellow says that Kissinger "doesn't say these things in so many words. He is a man of some culture (or he hasn't divested himself of that appearance) and a serious student of history and politics..." But the novelist does make the point that this is what Kissinger believes — an impression other American Jewish leaders have also received from private meetings with the secretary.

During the meeting, Kissinger also tried to show how "he has stood between Israel and its enemies in the American government. When he (Kissinger) steps down, and he must step down soon, he will be missed by the very people who now assail him" — that is the impression Kissinger tried to convey in an effort "to convince me of his warmth."

## Hillel at odds with Knesset unit over 'protection racket' inquiry

By AARON SITTMER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

New friction is building up between Police Minister Shlomo Hillel and the Knesset Interior Committee over allegations of feeble police response to reported widespread extortion and the "protection" racket.

For months the committee has been studying the problem, following several motions for the agenda from both Coalition and Opposition MKs.

Yesterday the committee learned that Hillel has ordered the chief of police intelligence, Sgan-Nitzav Sami Nahmias, to ignore the committee's invitation to appear before it and testify.

On June 15 Nahmias's deputy, Sgan-Nitzav Ya'acov Nahmias, gave the committee classified data. Parts of this were later leaked to the press, including hints of alleged ties between criminals and public officials.

(In the official minutes of that committee meeting, the officer's reference to "lies" was given as a report that criminals — in their conversations — frequently claim to have connections with public officials, to impress their listeners.)

Appearing before the committee yesterday, Police Inspector-General Shaul Rosolio said disclosure of Ya'acov Nahmias's testimony had

done "considerable harm" to the police. Dependable sources of information on the underworld have been lost, with informers now afraid to offer the police vital data. Rosolio added that he would be "prepared to cooperate" with the committee, if it appointed a special sub-committee to deal with police matters. This suggestion enraged Chairman Yoram Eridor, who said: "I know it is possible for a Knesset committee to express its non-confidence in a Minister or a Police Inspector-General. I did not know an Inspector-General may express non-confidence in a Knesset Committee."

Eridor added: "In view of what this committee has uncovered thus far about the extent of the protection racket, it is clear that the Israel Police force should be run in a more proper manner than at present... The Committee will continue to seek out facts about crime, even if Police Minister Hillel forbids his senior officers to appear."

The chairman, backed by Ehud Olmert of the Likud and Moshe Shahal of the Alignment, told Minister Hillel that playing down the extent of organized crime in Israel will only make the battle against the underworld more difficult in the long run. Said Shahal: "Undoubtedly, there has been a long line of blunders by the police

in the areas of protection and extortion, and no semantic arguments by Mr. Hillel will help."

In his statement to the committee yesterday, Hillel argued that information on specific crimes should be sought only from the Minister or the Inspector-General — not from senior officers heading certain branches. "Officers of Sgan-Arif rank in the army are never called before Knesset committees, so why do you summon police officers of that rank to testify?" Hillel asked.

To this, Ehud Olmert retorted: "Mr. Hillel, do you really want to treat your senior police officers as boys who may not assume any responsibility whatsoever for their statements? You are seeking to deprive them of their right to get certain things off their chests!"

Olmert noted that high police officers have recently given interviews to newspaper reporters, supplying data which Hillel does not want them to give to the committee. "It seems your office is more interested in satisfying the newspapers than the Knesset Interior Committee," he said.

The Committee yesterday decided to continue its study of the protection racket despite the Police Minister's reticence about allowing his senior staff members to testify.

## Terrorist gets life sentence

LYDDA. — A sentence of life imprisonment was yesterday imposed by the military court here on Mohammed Alyan, 22, of East Jerusalem for various terrorist activities.

He was convicted for having caused injury to people, placing sabotage devices in public places, being in the possession of sabotage materials and for membership in the terror group "The Popular Struggle Front."

Some of the specific activities for which Alyan was convicted: the injury of 12 Jerusalem bus passengers by a sabotage device in March 1975, and for having placed explosive charges in various Jerusalem streets last January and February.

Three others of the same organization, also East Jerusalem residents, were sentenced to four years imprisonment, with additional three-year suspended terms. (Iim)

LOTTO. — This week's winning Lotto lottery numbers are: 12, 15, 21, 27, 28, and 35. The additional number is 36.

## Family with triplets remains homeless

By MARSHA POMERANTZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A young couple from Jerusalem's Asbatonim quarter took their three-month-old triplets to the Knesset yesterday to demonstrate against bureaucratic bungling which they say has thwarted their efforts to find a home.

Rina and Zvulun Muallem, 18 and 21, described their search for a flat, as they sat last night in the asbestos prefab they share with Zvulun's mother, who is mentally ill, and his five brothers and sisters.

They were told they were entitled to help from Prazot, the state-municipal housing company, one week after the children's birth, but they had to find the flat themselves. After nearly two months of searching, they found one that fit Prazot's size price specifications, only to be told that the neighbourhood in Ir Ganim was already too much of a drain on the local social services, and Prazot would not approve it.

They were offered a second apartment, run-down, and in a neighbourhood (Zakmoin) "where the children gamble with cards in the streets," according to Zvulun.

The condition of the flat and neighbourhood were verified in a letter from the director of the Demographic Centre in the Prime Minister's Office, Shimon Yair, to the director of Prazot, Michael Kenet. (The Demographic Centre sponsors a programme of child-nurse assistance to families with triplets.)

Given another chance, the Muallems found a third apartment. Prazot approved the purchase, pending only a check for dampness and physical defects by their inspector.

According to Zvulun, Prazot failed to send the inspector, and several days later, the apartment had been sold. Zvulun said Prazot officials apologized, explaining that the man in charge had been "in the reserves."

The price Prazot is willing to pay — IL2,400 per sq.m. for a flat up to 72 sq.m. — is unrealistic, Zvulun says. "Anyone who sells at a price like that does it only under pressure — and can't wait for Prazot."

Michael Kenet, the director of apartment run-down, and in a neighbourhood (Zakmoin) "where the children gamble with cards in the streets," according to Zvulun.

## New Jewish Qtr. cafe offers 'magnificent view'

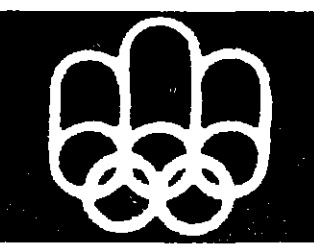
By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The opening of a coffee house with a magnificent view of the Mount of Olives and Judean Desert was hailed yesterday as a landmark in the development of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem. "This is a breakthrough in introducing commercial life into the quarter," said David Zifroni of the Company for the Reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter. To date fewer than 10 of the 150 shops and galleries planned for the quarter have opened. The coffee house, known as Cafe Harova, is located atop a Bazaar, that will become the first arched complex known as the commercial centre in the quarter. Its opening is expected to prompt the opening of several other shops in the area in the next few weeks. Until now, the owners have held off

because of the building activity in the area.

Housing Minister Avraham Ofer, who attended the opening, said that the Bazaar straddles a new pedestrian artery from Zion Gate to the Western Wall. The route will take visitors past historical sites and shops and will provide an alternative to the routes through the Arab shanties. A new parking lot outside Zion Gate is to be opened within a few weeks.

One of the owners of the cafe, an American immigrant named Roger Linker, said the cafe will also offer popular priced food, cafeteria style. Linker, a New Yorker, said it also offers egg creams — a drink New Yorkers will remember with nostalgia — as well as thick milk shakes. Linker's partners are the owners of the Savion Cafe in Rehavia.



## At the Olympics Israel yachtsmen finish 13th out of 20

Special to The Jerusalem Post

KINGSTON. — In the first day of sailing, under conditions of wind with a force of up to 17 knots and waves 1.5 metres high, Israel's Yael Sela and Yehuda Mayan placed 13th out of 20 with a score of 19 in the Flying Dutchman class.

This boat is 605 cm. long, weighs 170 kg, and has the largest sail area of all boats in the yachting events. The Israelis feel very confident of doing better in the coming days. They only received their "Dutchman" two days before the games and are now getting used to her.

The yachtsmen are getting super-VIP treatment from the Jewish population here at Kingston, a small town about two hours' drive from Montreal.

In swimming, in the preliminary heat in the 100-metre butterfly, Adi Prag swam a poor race and finished fifth out of six in 59.80. Roger Pyttel of East Germany won the heat with a time of 55.35.

A slight controversy developed immediately after Adi's heat. The board showed him as being disqualified for an illegal stroke.

10 p.m. — Women's individual all-round finals.  
2 a.m. — (Thurs) — Men's individual all-round finals.

8.30 p.m. and on — 67.5-kg. Groups A and B.

4 p.m. — Pakistan v. W. Germany, New Zealand v. Belgium, India v. Australia, Malaysia v. Argentina.

4 p.m. and on — Greco-Roman second round bouts.

4.45 p.m. — Swimming Shooting 3 p.m. — Small-bore rifle, three positions.

7 p.m. and on — Poland v. Cuba and S. Korea v. Canada (men); Peru v. Japan and Canada v. Hungary (women).

7 p.m. — Third race.

## Child survives trailer ordeal

BLOOMINGTON, Indiana. — A three-year-old girl survived five days locked in a mobile home after her mother died. She tried to feed her baby sister, but the infant died of dehydration, police say.

Michelle Lynn Percifield told authorities she lived on milk and other food she found in the refrigerator after her mother, a divorcee, died sometime last Wednesday of still undetermined causes.

According to Pathologist John Pless, the four-month-old baby, Angel Marie, probably died Saturday of dehydration.

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Head-on shot of the new Kfir, showing its winglets above the engines.

## 'Superior to all comparable aircraft'

# Wraps taken off the new Kfir

By ZEEV SCHUL  
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

**BEN-GURION AIRPORT.** — With its first public appearance in yesterday's Air Force fly-past, the wraps were off the improved version of the Israel-made Kfir fighter plane.

Kfir C-2, as it has been designated, is distinguished from its predecessor by two delta-shaped "Canard" winglets, which give it added manoeuvrability in air combat and ground attack.

The manufacturers, Israel Aircraft Industries, claim it is superior to all comparable first-line fighter-interceptors and multi-role aircraft now in service anywhere. Only one fighter has a similar design — Sweden's Saab Viggen, which also has Canard winglets, but is slower, with a top speed of Mach-2.3, compared to the C-2's Mach-2.5. (Mach is the velocity of sound, roughly 1,200 kph. at sea-level.)

But the C-2 is said to equal, if not better, aircraft far more advanced, sophisticated and expensive than the Viggen — including Dassault's P-1 (Mach 2.2); Lockheed's P-15 (Mach 2.3), which Israel has ordered; and even General Dynamics' P-16, which Israel is reportedly considering as its plane for the 1980s.

Apart from its versatility and manoeuvrability, the most impressive feature of the C-2 is its price tag — about \$4.5m., or half the price of its cheapest competitors. The importance of this is witnessed by the forthcoming visit next month of Austria's Defence Minister Karl von Lustenfeld. Though he will be here only two days, Austrian test pilots have already spent time here, flying the plane, and an Austrian Air Force purchase order of 24 planes is considered likely.

The C-2 should convince even the sceptics, local experts say, that the Kfir is not merely a copy or adaptation of the Mirage-5, which itself was an Israeli-conceived adaptation. The Kfir fulfilled Israeli Air Force officers' dream, which they had when they outlined roughly the Mirage-5 features they wanted: a multi-purpose, all-around craft which would be cheaper than the Mirage-5C, and would harness its entire payload potential for on-target ordnance delivery.

The Kfir's modifications range from 50 to 100 per cent, with many completely new systems invented to meet its own ambitious blueprints. These range from the reinforced landing gear, through the Canard winglets, to the completely re-equipped cockpit, which incorporates highly sophisticated electronics.

The result is a new aircraft, which (claims IAI) outperforms most planes in its category. The principal innovation, the Canards, give extra manoeuvrability in tight turns — vital in dog fights and evasive action. It also adds low-speed performance qualities, such as reduced rolls on landing and takeoff with heavy loads. It has variable offensive and defensive weaponry, carried externally, as well as extended-range fuel tanks, without increasing its small combat silhouette.

The manufacturers have also been considerate of the pilot's comfort and safety in the cockpit design, and have provided an emergency ejection system which can "shoot" the pilot out even at zero speed and zero altitude, so that his chute will have time to open and land him safely.

IAI people do not claim the Kfir will not experience technical problems — these are always likely to arise. But by resorting to a proven power plant — the Phantom engine — in combination with one of the finest delta-wing designs plus the Canard winglets, the designers feel they have combined the best ingredients available, and believe the Kfir C-2 is twice as good as the Phantom.

## Lady Bird 'hasn't changed a bit'

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Like any other American tourist on her first visit to Jerusalem, she marvelled at the Knesset's Chagall tapestries, was awed by the view from the Hebrew University's main campus and shed tears at the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem.

But everywhere she went to see the sights, she found other tourists were watching her.

Seven-and-a-half years after leaving the White House and three years after becoming a widow, Lady Bird Johnson still commands respect and interest as she used to when the wife of the 36th President of the U.S. "There's nothing she hasn't changed a bit," whispered one of the dozens of Americans who applauded the former First Lady when she arrived at

Jerusalem's Hilton Hotel on Monday night.

"All my life I was interested in the Bible, history, the Holy Land and archaeology. We (she and her husband Lyndon Johnson) wanted to come here together, but now I have come by myself," said Claudia Alta Taylor Johnson, who is known by her nickname Lady Bird.

At Beit Hanassi yesterday morning, her 29-year-old daughter Luci Baines Johnson Nugent — who had arrived here last Friday — shyly asked President and Mrs. Ephraim Katzir to pose as she took still and moving pictures.

With a burly U.S. Secret Service man from Texas following them, the two stately ladies in the rest of their lives unless they (remarry) along with local security officers, they toured the museum at Yad Vashem. Mrs. Johnson

— the owner of radio and TV stations KTEC in Austin, Texas, and accustomed to the prying eye of the press after decades in public life — seemed undisturbed by the retinue of journalists and photographers who surrounded her.

"I lived through this time; I remember when Jews asked Lyndon and other congressmen to do something to save the Jews," she recalled, looking at the photographs of tormented children and corpses like adults in concentration camp bunks. Throughout the walk, Luci took notes with a pad and pencil. Mrs. Johnson read some of the exhibit captions aloud.

"A most moving experience," wrote the former First Lady in the guest book. "A time to remember and learn from and care about men unceasingly," wrote her daughter, wiping away tears.

## 'We took you because you are one of the Chosen People'

# Dutch gentiles honoured at Yad Vashem

By SHOSHANA BERNBAUM  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish prayers and Salvation Army hymns, echoed through the Yad Vashem Memorial Hall yesterday, as homage was paid to French and Dutch families who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. They were awarded the highest honours that Yad Vashem bestows: an engraved medal, and the right to plant a tree in "The Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles" in the memorial grounds.

Watched by a crowd of tourists, friends and celebrities, including Roberto Arriens, the wife of the Dutch Ambassador, each of the honoured families was ushered to the centre of the dimly-lit memorial floor.

First came Sietse Postma, a Dutch school teacher who fed and sheltered a 22-year-old Jewish woman from 1943 to 1945, thus saving her from the fate met by the rest of her family. Following her in line was Nurit De Haas — the girl she had fostered — now a Nahariya housewife.

Paul and Marguerite Tzart, a white-haired French couple, joined them. These two staunch Salvation Army members (for whom the hymn was sung) ran an old-age home in an isolated part of northern France during World War II. At the same time they aided and sheltered numerous Jewish refugees, some of whom they registered as "employees" of the institution, at considerable personal risk. Marguerite remembers asking the first Jew to arrive on her doorstep why he had turned to them. "I once saw the Salvation Army at a rally," he replied. "I knew that if I found them in occupied France, I would be safe."

Two other French families — Jean and Emilienne Goutaret and August and Helene Pfister — were honoured for taking care of a Jewish child throughout the war, without asking for any payment.

After the brief multi-lingual ceremony, the families raised the flame of the eternal light

that burns in the hall. There was dead silence as the smoke curled up towards the tiny hole in the stone ceiling, and they walked out into the bright sunlight.

Outside, at the tree-planting ceremony that followed, Nurit De Haas recalled clearly those critical years. "When deportation in Holland began, I prepared my rucksack in readiness to go to Poland," she said. But a Resistance member working with her at the Jewish hospital in Amsterdam noticed and commented, "It's a pity — with hair as blonde as yours you could get away." The underground movement found a volunteer Calvinist family in Ferwerd.

When Nurit arrived, Sietse opened the door and said: "Come on in, I'll give you some coffee and you can wash your hands." "But I have no money," said the young girl. "We didn't take you for money," the lady replied. "We took you because you are one of the Chosen People."



Medal awarded to 'Righteous Among the Nations' who attended a ceremony in their honour yesterday at Yad Vashem. The inscription reads: "A mark of thanks from the Jewish people — He who saves one soul, it is as if he has saved an entire world."

Unless Levich is free to travel...

## Soviet scientists unwelcome at U.S. school

By SARAH HONG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — The heads of six scientific departments at the University of Maryland will not receive any Soviet scientists for international exchange programmes until they have clear and unequivocal evidence that Prof. Benjamin Levich is free to travel and pursue scientific work, it was learned here yesterday.

Prof. Levich is a renowned Jewish electro-chemist who has been trying unsuccessfully to leave the USSR since 1972.

The University of Maryland's step is part of a renewed effort to enlist international support on behalf of Prof. Levich. The department heads' decision was conveyed to the New York-based International Research and Exchange Board, which was also requested to make the protest known to its Soviet counterpart. They say their move

is in keeping with the Helsinki Accord and the 1966 UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which were signed by both the U.S. and USSR governments.

Prof. Levich was expelled from Moscow University immediately after he applied to go to Israel in February 1972. He was also dismissed from the Department of Electro-Chemistry which he had founded 20 years previously at the Soviet Academy of Sciences. Tel Aviv University officially appointed him to its chemistry department several years ago. His two sons are already in Israel.

Levich was promised explicitly in the name of KGB (security policy) chief Yuri Andropov that he would be allowed to leave for Israel at the end of 1975, but later emigration officials denied any knowledge of the undertaking, despite the fact that it was widely publicized by the Soviets themselves.

Prof. Levich is being denied exit on the favourite pretext that he had access to confidential data vital to Soviet security. A special Soviet commission, however, was set up to reconsider his status and declared that he is no longer a security risk, a fact which nevertheless did not facilitate his emigration to Israel.

## 'Saving for housing' scheme in U.S. for prospective olim

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Israeli emigrants and Jews living in the U.S. would be able to open savings accounts there, which could be used for buying an apartment in Israel.

This new scheme was announced yesterday by David Weinthal, chairman of the board of directors of Bank Tefahot.

Weinthal explained that one of the main obstacles to Israeli emigrants (olim) and American Jews settling in Israel is the problem of financing adequate housing. To encourage them to come here, Bank Tefahot is in the process of receiving the approval of U.S. authorities for the new scheme.

The depositor will receive a slightly higher interest than in the

regular American banks. When immigrating to Israel and exchanging his savings into pounds, he will be granted a mortgage by Tefahot for double the sum.

Moshe Mann, the bank's director general, said that new immigrants' share in the total loans of the bank has declined considerably in the past year — from 27 per cent in 1971-2 to five per cent last year. This, he said, is a result of the decline in the number of immigrants. In the same period, the share of loans granted to young couples has increased from eight to 24 per cent.

The net profit of the bank in 1975 was IL49.5m., compared to IL39m. in 1974. The balance sheet totalled IL6,700m.

## Kol urges boycott of hijack helpers

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol has written to 32 of his counterparts in Europe, North and South America, South Africa and Asia, urging the adoption of a binding decision "not to grant landing rights to the national airlines of those states which openly cooperate with the hijackers, and not to permit their own airlines to land in the territories of the cooperating states."

Addressing members of the newly-established World Tourism Organization, Kol said, "The time has come to declare an open struggle against those bands of international terrorists who endanger the development of air communication and tourism."

Kol added that "actions promised and indeed initiated by governments of member states of the World Tourism Organization have not so far produced the results hoped and prayed for."

Kol urged a boycott of hijack helpers.

## Digs at Tel Dan

The identification of Tel Dan with the Biblical city of Dan has been further confirmed by the discovery of a 2-2 C.E. inscription. The four-line inscription, containing both Aramaic and Greek, is engraved in limestone, and contains an oath to "the god who is in Dan." The god is unnamed, which might indicate he was not of the Greek pantheon but a special Dan god.

The excavators see this inscription as further proof that this was a sacred area, not only during the period of the kings, when Jeroboam placed a golden calf in Dan, but also in Hellenistic and Roman times.

The dig is under the supervision of Professor Abraham Biran on behalf of the Hebrew Union College, the Antiquities and Museums Department, and the Harvard Oriental Museum.

**ARARS** in Judea and Samaria have more than twice as many cars than they did six years ago, according to statistics released yesterday by the Military Government. The total number of cars in the region in 1975 was 12,964, compared with 4,893 in 1970. The per capita ratio of cars is about one for 50 inhabitants in the West Bank and one for 15 in Israel proper.

## Israel youth vs. Poland in 'Junior Davis Cup'

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — Israel was due to open her 1976 Galea Cup late yesterday with a semi-final round tie against Poland at Murcia, Spain, in this 27th annual international tennis competition for boys aged 20 and under. The team consists of Shomo Glickstein and Dan Sherr, both 18, and Shai Puni, 17, under manager Rafi Meljoni.

Israel was given a bye into one of the four semi-final groups of the 35-nation "Junior Davis Cup" on the basis of her triumphant debut in last year's tournament, spearheaded by Yair Wertheimer. The Israelis scored upset 3-2 victories over Switzerland, Belgium and Canada, but were eliminated from the event by a 5-0 semi-final defeat at the hands of West Germany.

Should Israel manage to beat the strong Polish team, she qualifies for a tie against powerful Britain in the competition's five-nation Murwin pool, which continues until Sunday, with matches also taking place between the losing entries to determine their final placings.

The other participants are Spain (runners-up to Czechoslovakia in last year's cup final at Vichy) and the winner of a qualifying group of Belgium, Finland, Luxembourg, Mexico and Portugal.

As until a few years ago, the Galea Cup was purely a European event, so countries from all five continents did not participate. Among the new entries this time are Egypt and Algeria. So far, the competition has been dominated by Czechoslovakia, France and Spain, each of whom has won the trophy six times.

## TA favours mosque restoration

By SARAH HONG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — The City Executive yesterday recommended that the local planning commission approve the restoration of Jaffa's Hassan Bek Mosque, but that it turn down contractor Gershon Peres's plan to turn the mosque vicinity into a tourist shopping centre.

Peres says he will ask for a High Court injunction if the commission follows the executive's advice.

Three years ago Peres signed an

agreement with Jaffa's Moslem Waqf whereby he would restore the mosque free of charge in return for a 49-year lease on the area surrounding it. The plan aroused opposition among some of the 4,000 Moslems residing in Jaffa, and in the last few months the opposition deepened, with vociferous protests from left wing groups.

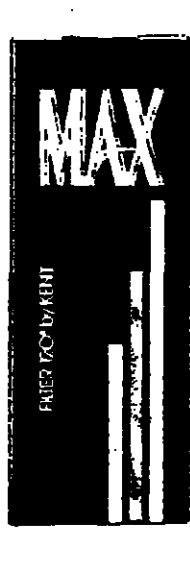
Mayor Shlomo Lahat told the Executive that the Religious Affairs ministry had opposed the Peres plan and suggested an alternative which would involve only the mosque's restoration. The city supported this second plan, he said, "because we Jews would not like to see someone put up a shopping centre in the courtyard of a synagogue either."

Deputy Mayor Xigal Griffl added that the city also had a practical objection to Peres's plan, fearing "it would lead to traffic congestion in central Jaffa."

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## Tax authorities attach some MFC assets

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The income tax authorities have already attached some assets of Maritime Fruit Carriers, to secure payment of back taxes, but will not attempt to seize money repaid to the company in early redemption of its war loan bonds.

MFC, The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday, owes several million pounds in back taxes, payment of which is overdue by a year. However, this tax debt is considered by the authorities "a fresh debt." The company, which is deeply in debt abroad and has had some of its ships seized by foreign creditors, has been trying to raise cash to extricate itself, and is in no position to pay its tax debts now.

The Ministerial Economic Committee on Sunday approved an amendment to the law on war loans, permitting early redemption in cases of financial distress. This would only entitle MFC to redeem its bonds — if the Knesset passes the amendment — at the rate of one-tenth of the bonds' value per annum. MFC holds loan bonds totalling IL8m.

## Yadlin rejects criticism of Israel TV

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Minister Aharon Yadlin yesterday joined with the Broadcasting Authority's management committee in rejecting what he considered unjustified criticism of Israel Television. He strongly opposed moves to place it under more direct government control.

But television employees must be made more aware of their role as executors of a public policy, he told the management committee. He was not against "pointing out weaknesses" which could not be helped under the difficult conditions and technological lag in which the television operates.

Only one member, Eliahu Tabin, laid the blame on Israel Television's monopoly, calling for establishment of competing private stations under public supervision.

OF THE 22,000 immigrant students registered with the Absorption Ministry's Student Authority, 70 per cent have remained in Israel after five years of learning. The number of students from Western countries has remained stable over the past year; the number of students from the USSR has decreased.

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## 30 Uruguayan refugees abducted in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES. — At least 30 Uruguayan refugees are missing in the second mass abduction of leftist refugees here in five weeks, the United Nations high commission for refugees disclosed on Monday.

"The refugees were abducted by armed men in various parts of the city last Tuesday," Robert Muller, the Swiss head of the UN agency's local office, said.

There was no comment from Argentine authorities, and Muller would not say why the information was not released earlier.

On June 11, armed men stormed into two hotels and took away at least 25 political refugees. Released after 24 hours, some of the refugees said they had been tortured, and all said they were ordered to leave the country. An estimated 25,000 refugees still remain.

Some security sources blamed the abductions on right-wing terrorists, who want the refugees — mostly leftists who fled right-wing coups in

Chile and Uruguay — out of Argentina.

The military government has said it would like the refugees to leave, because some may have ties to the leftist terrorists who regularly strike at government installations.

On Sunday, about 600 refugees ended a two-week hunger strike, protesting against what they said were obstacles that kept them from leaving Argentina.

The Argentine army said that Roberto Santucho, the kingpin of Latin American terrorism, was killed on Monday in a clash with security police.

Police sources said Santucho's chief lieutenant, Enrique Gorriaran, also was killed in the clash, at Villa Martelli, north of here. The official army communique, however, did not mention him.

Santucho, 42, headed the Marxist People's Revolutionary Army — blamed for scores of kidnappings, murders and robberies since the late 1960s.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

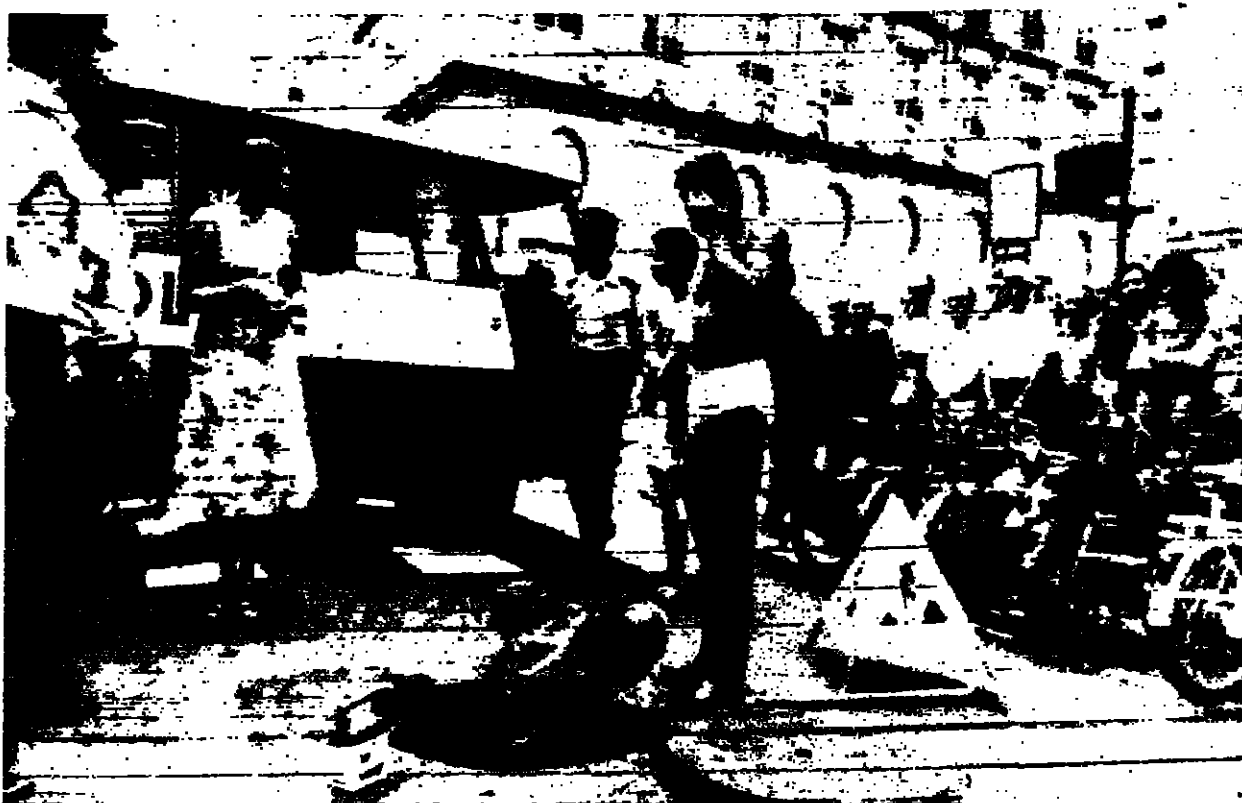
### Madrid bomb wrecks Dutch embassy

MADRID. — A powerful bomb explosion early yesterday wrecked the entrance to a building housing the Dutch embassy and other offices. It was the latest in a wave of some 30 bombings in Spain that began on Saturday.

Police said yesterday's bomb could be heard for a radius of 2 kms., but there was limited damage and no injuries.

Democratic opposition politicians, who stand to suffer most from the wave of bombings, pressed the government yesterday to determine and announce publicly who was responsible for the violence. Newspapers made the same demand.

"The dynamiters must be caught and punished. But above all they must be identified," the newspaper "El Pais" said.



Police enter a sewer outside the Nice, France Société Générale Bank yesterday, following the route taken by the thieves to enter the bank vault.

## World's biggest robbery at bank in Nice Porn-loving thieves net \$10m.

NICE, France. — Thieves with a taste for pornography may have pulled off the world's biggest bank robbery here at the weekend, with estimates of losses put as high as 50 million francs (\$180m.).

Burrowing like moles through the sewers of this resort city, famous for its millionaire clientele, the robbers settled down with wine, sandwiches and pornographic magazines to ransack 300 safe-deposit boxes and the night safe with cash from local supermarkets.

According to police sources quoted by French television, their haul could be anything between 40 and 50 million francs.

This is more than double the record \$4.3m. stolen from the Arm-

oured Express strongroom in Chicago in 1974 or the estimated 11 million Lebanese pounds (£130m.) taken from the British Bank of the Middle East in Beirut in January this year.

The thieves, thought to number six, welded the strongroom door shut behind them, scrawled the message: "no shooting, no violence, no hate" on the inside wall, and vanished down the eight-metre tunnel they had dug into the labyrinth of the town's sewer system.

The raid by the "sewer rat" gang on the Société Générale Bank aroused no suspicion at a police headquarters, only 200 metres away.

Angry clients besieged the bank yesterday and police had to inter-

vene to protect the manager. One distraught depositor kicked the door, shouting "the manager should be shot" before being led away by a consoling relative.

Women wept openly. One sobbed: "Why didn't the bank phone me when they knew about the robbery, then I could have cancelled the cheques I kept in the safe."

Customers were being admitted a few at a time to give details of what they kept in their deposit boxes. Bank officials said they were unable to put a figure on the robbery, pointing out that there were 4,000 deposit boxes in the strongroom. Only about 200 boxes were looted.

### U.S. navy: Kiev move into Med. 'significant'

WASHINGTON. — The movement of the Soviet aircraft carrier Kiev into the eastern Mediterranean is a "significant development" that eventually could affect the naval balance of power, U.S. Navy sources said Monday.

Naval strategists on Sunday played down the military significance of the move.

The Kiev, the Soviet Union's only fully-fledged aircraft carrier in operation, passed out of the Black Sea through the Bosphorus Straits about dawn on Sunday. It is about 300 metres long, between 30,000 and 40,000 tons, and roughly the

same size as a U.S. aircraft carrier in World War II.

Yesterday, the Kiev was in the Aegean Sea and heading toward the eastern Mediterranean.

Intelligence reports reaching Washington say the Kiev is equipped with 25 to 30 Yak36 short-takeoff and landing aircraft and about two dozen "Hormone" twin turboprop helicopters. The Yaks are similar to the British-built Harrier aircraft.

Navy sources said the Turkish government, which is empowered to prevent movement of all but "de-

fensive" warships through the narrow straits that are Russia's only southern outlet to warm waters, classified the ship as a "submarine interceptor cruiser." The Montreux Convention, which governs movement of ships through the straits, was written in 1936, before aircraft carriers were a reality.

The U.S. Navy is willing to say publicly that the Soviets have two of these carriers in the water, one more under construction. Intelligence reports say perhaps two additional carriers will be built in the next few years.

### IATA inspecting security arrangements

## Athens airport — skyjackers' haven?

By DAVID TONGE

ATHENS. — Foreign airline managers say that Athens — where hijackers joined Air France flight 139 at the start of the drama that ended with bloodshed in Entebbe — has always been a "high risk" airport where security has been "irregular."

Twelve hours after the June 28 hijacking a journalist was able to board a Pakistan Airlines flight to Damascus without being X-rayed or undergoing the usual magnetic body check.

The International Air Transport Association, the airlines' own organization for policing the industry, is sending an inspector here later this month to check security arrangements.

Meanwhile, the manager of Athens airport, Paul Gambos, insists that the tightest new security procedures were arranged. He believes that these will meet the complaints which the airlines made in a memorandum to the airport authorities. But Gambos makes the point that it is impossible to have 100 per cent security at any civil airport.

There is now no doubt that some, if not all, of the hijackers of the Air France Airbus boarded here after arriving on a Singapore International Airlines flight from Singapore, Bombay and Bahrain.

Even though security precautions are being carried out with considerable intensity in the wake of the

Corfu. An inquiry by the National Transport and Safety Board of the U.S. Federal Aviation Agency found that the 65 deaths had been caused by a bomb which in all probability had been put on board the plane in Athens.

Throughout the coming months the airline operations committee pressed the Greek civil aviation authorities to tighten security measures. Their pressure was reinforced by the security officers of some main airlines working through the "old boy" network of the international police.

In a meeting on April 19, 1975, for instance, they resolved to make "a fresh reminder that departure security points be manned on a 24-hour basis."

In two memoranda to the Greek CAA written on July 5 and July 8 after the Entebbe drama, the leaks in the security system are analysed.

The second memorandum, which was discussed during a meeting of the CAA with security authorities, listed eight separate weak points:

• No X-ray machines to check the hand baggage of passengers arriving in transit — checking is by

• A slackening of security precautions after midnight.

• Unauthorised persons may reach the transit lounge through the airport's restaurant kitchen and lifts without security control.

• Little or no control on unauthorised people who wish to go on to the tarmac from the basement.

• No separate and proper checking of staff.

• Access to the tarmac from a new arrival building which is under construction is without any security control.

• There are no strict procedures for dealing with bomb threats.

• Increased lighting is necessary on the tarmac at night.

Police sources admit that a "sensitive point" is the tarmac and that personnel do move freely there — "as they do in Tel Aviv" — but insist that their other measures are austerer. The link from the restaurant to the transit lounge is controlled by two plainclothes policemen, they say — though it is only now that certain connecting doors are kept regularly locked. They stress that the Air France hijack was well prepared.

## 14 held for coup bid in Rangoon

RANGOON. — The Burmese government yesterday announced the arrest of a group of army officers who, it said, had plotted to kill President Ne Win and the secretary of the state council, U San Yu.

The Burmese state radio said the plot had been foiled and the ringleaders arrested on July 2. The plot was also aimed at killing the national intelligence chief, Colonel Tin U, the radio said.

After the announcement, some troop movements were seen in Rangoon and spot checks were made on cars. But generally the capital was normal and the authorities appeared to be well in control.

The radio announcement said the plot was engineered by three army captains and supported by 11 other military officers, all of whom were arrested.

The first reaction of observers here was that the arrests might be connected with former defence minister General Tin Oo, who lost his job last March and is still under investigation for alleged corruption.

The announcement added that one of the aims of the plot was "to destroy the socialist economic system."

President Ne Win, 65, is chairman of the Burmese Socialist Programme Party and San Yu is the party general secretary.

The announcement was the first of an assassination plot since Ne Win came to power in a bloodless coup in 1962.

The radio said the conspirators would soon be brought before a special tribunal, but it gave no date for the trial.

### U.S. grounds 50

#### F14 fighter planes

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. navy said on Monday it has grounded about 50 of its advanced F14 fighter planes after a crack was detected in a structural section undergoing fatigue testing on the ground.

This is the fourth time the navy has set down its \$20.4m. F14 jets since they joined the fleet four years ago.

A navy spokesman said the 50 planes, representing one-quarter of the navy's force of 207 F14s, were ordered grounded as a precautionary move last Friday after the crack was detected in a part connected with the main landing-gear assemblies.

### U.S. army pulls out of Thailand

BANGKOK. — The last U.S. serviceman to leave Thailand, Master Sergeant George L. Davis boarded an aircraft for the U.S. yesterday — the deadline for the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from the country.

This brought to a close a 12-year era during which U.S. forces, once numbering almost 50,000, used Thailand as a staging ground for aerial attacks in neighbouring Indochina.

The day was marked by both pro- and anti-American demonstrations. Police and military were on the alert and Prime Minister Seni

### NETO TO CUBA SOON

MIAMI, Florida. — Angolan President Agostino Neto soon will visit Cuba, which sent at least 12,000 soldiers to help his forces overcome two western-supported factions in the recent civil war, Radio Havana said.

Cuba dispatched 12,000-14,000 combat troops to Angola late last year to help Neto win control of the government. Castro has said that the troops will remain in Angola until the African nation's army is organized and trained to defend the country.

But 270 military advisers will be allowed to remain chiefly to help train and equip the country's armed forces.

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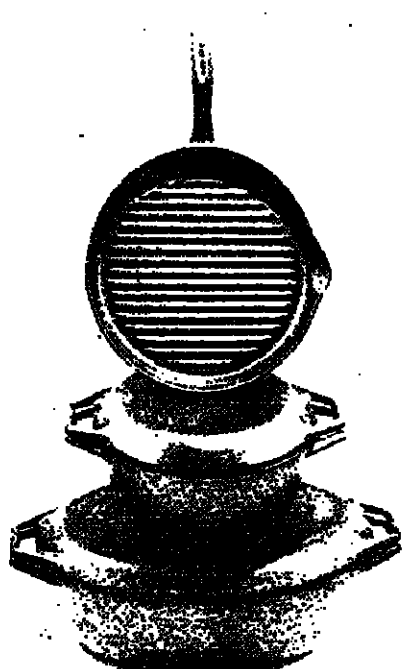
WASHINGTON. — An intensified watch is being kept on East European borders for smuggled heroin, according to American Drug Enforcement Administration sources.

Regular smuggling routes have been disrupted by the civil war in Lebanon, the sources said, and there were indications that an alternative had been found by smugglers who were taking narcotics through Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and East Germany.

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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

## TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

## Natatad hits all-time high

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Natatad investment fund was fixed yesterday at an all-time high of IL9.98. A demand for \$377,000 of the investment currency pushed up its price by 7 agorot. At the new price, \$300,000 bought 30,000 shares.

For the first two days of trading the investment dollar has climbed 9 agorot. The sharp rise is explained by the belief held by the investment community that dollar-linked investments will outperform other forms of investment over the medium term. Many also feel that IL10-\$1.00 is a more realistic expression of the value of the local currency.

The bond market continued its wakening and turnaround action, with all sectors participating in a rising market and an expanding trading volume which reached IL3.5m. Issues part of the 3,000 series rose slightly, up to one point, on moderate volume. The

6.5 per cent Defence Loans rose by 2.5-5 points, reflecting the improved atmosphere for linked issues. Optional loans also rose with prices gaining by 2-8 points.

The equity market stopped to take a breath and digest its recent gains. Financial shares were stable, with Union Bank continuing its upward crawl by tacking on 2 points to 248.5, and the new Discount A shares rose by 8 to 403. Arze Insurance slipped by 4 to 520. In the land development sector, Israel Land Development met with profit taking and dipped by 2 to 114.

Among the industrials, trading was lackluster with Electra 5 losing 3 to 137. American-Israel Paper Mills extended its recent gains by adding two to 244.

Oil and oil-related shares, were virtually unchanged. The trading volume for stocks was IL2.5m, of which IL705,000 was traded in the variables.

The general price index rose by 0.25 per cent, to stand at 151.24.

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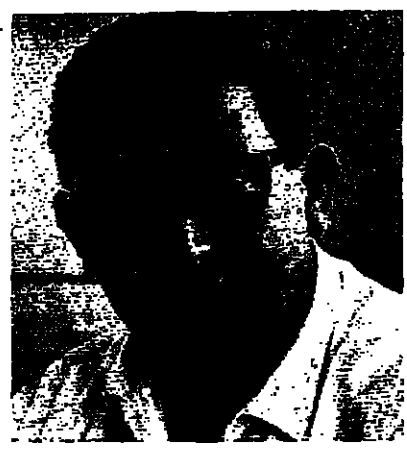
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Kupat Holim, in its quest to cut expenses, is doing a brisk patient turnover in its hospitals. But this is apparently not being achieved without affecting government hospitals, who now receive fewer Kupat Holim patients, writes MACABEE DEAN.

## Warm-bed policy puts others out in the cold



Professor Haim Doron, medical director of Kupat Holim.

Kupat Holim's "warm hospital bed" system, aimed at saving millions of pounds by utilizing its own hospitals to the utmost, is beginning to create "cold hospital beds" in Government hospitals.

The "warm hospital bed" system, figuratively speaking, does not allow a bed still warm from a patient just discharged, to grow cold before the next patient is put into it. "Cold hospital beds" are those which remain empty for lengthy intervals between patients.

Prof. Haim Doron, medical director of Kupat Holim, admits that the policy to cut hospital expenses by 20 per cent, which the fund adopted in April, may affect occupancy rates in Government hospitals. He said that it would not be before this autumn, possibly October, before the statistical picture would be clear enough to make a firm assessment of the success of the new policy.

Although under consideration for several years, the "warm hospital bed" policy became an acute need earlier this year when the Government sharply cut its hospital subsidy to Kupat Holim. Then, the cost of keeping a patient for one day in a hospital, either Government or Kupat Holim, was about IL350. (The sum varied from hospital to hospital.) Until then, the Government charged Kupat Holim only IL90 a day, and picked up the tab for the remaining IL260. On April 1, the Government asked Kupat Holim to pay the entire IL350.

"We suddenly found ourselves trying to raise an additional IL600m. a year for hospitalization," Prof. Doron says. The IL600m. sum — one-quarter of the Sick Fund's annual budget of IL2,400m. — will be partially covered by some IL200m. forthcoming by raising the *mas makhbi*, another IL200m. from a Government loan — which will have to be repaid; and another IL100m. to be brought in after the raise from charging for medicines. But still another IL100m. has to be found.

In 1975, Kupat Holim patients spent 1,250,000 hospital days in Kupat Holim hospitals; but Kupat Holim also utilized 800,000 hospital days in Government and Municipal hospitals, and another 280,000 hospital days in public hospitals. This was a total of more than one million hospital days outside Kupat Holim institutions.

"We decided to save on hospital-

ization by increasing our bed occupancy from 90 per cent (this is an average, some departments have more), to 95 per cent, by not sending many patients to Government hospitals. Moreover, we planned to use each of our own beds better. As soon as one was vacated, it was made up, and another patient popped into it."

What effect has Kupat Holim's policy had on the Government hospitals? Dr. Haim Zakut, Chairman of the Government physicians organizations, says that "a considerable number of empty beds have been the result. We Government doctors are quite happy to sit in the medical library and catch up on our reading; but we keep hearing that the patients are not so happy about the situation."

He adds: "In some cases, the patients actually suffer. Formerly a Kupat Holim patient from Ayelet Hasaharim would go to either Safad or Poriya; now he by-passes these close-by hospitals and goes to Hula — which is generally full. Moreover, some Kupat Holim patients have been under treatment

## Surprise Haifa decision to raise business taxes

By YAA'COV ARDON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. The City Executive has a surprise in store for a part of the business community: an increase of the business tax. Today it will table in the City Council an amendment to the by-law on the tax which prescribes a 70 per cent rise for "certain types of enterprises," while the rise is restricted to 40 per cent for the majority.

The agenda did not even list mention. It is discreetly referred to as "approval of the recommendations of the Finance Committee." In eight lines of "explanation" on the tax the differential increases, 40 versus 70 per cent, are said to "adjust the rates to the level of the tax in other towns." They are effective retroactively monthly from April 1.

At his press conference on Monday, July 12, Mayor Zeevi did not apparently consider the business tax increases important enough to mention, though he knew that at the next council meeting he would ask for approval of the by-law amendment.

The text of the amendment does not list specifically those businesses for which the increase is higher than for others. Since City Council

debates have been largely emasculated by the wall-to-wall coalition, with a few individual exceptions, when one or the other councilman raises objections, no general criticism of the discriminatory aspect of the tax can be expected. Two councilmen, Ze'ev Katz (Likud) and Dr. Gideon Kaminka (Ind.-Lib.), objected in the committee stage to the amendment in its present form. It remains to be seen whether the Likud faction which has traditionally represented the interests of the business community and the free professions, will swallow the amendment to a tax which has been inherited from the Mandatory period. It has admittedly been ill-conceived from the start because it is based partly on the number of employees, partly on turnover and partly on area of the premises and the district they are located in.

The City Council will also be asked to approve the spending of another IL4.6m. on the sports centre on Ruppiner Road, the total cost of which has now run up to over IL26m. It may not be the final bill. "We always said that this building had an open-ended budget, because construction has been going on for several years and because changes were made in the course of it," the city treasurer explained.

## Clal needs more workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The industrial division of Clal is planning to invest IL120m. in industry during the coming year, IL50m. of this in equity capital. Zvi Zur, managing director of the board of directors of the industrial division, told newsmen this week. He also said that the industry would not be able to boost exports without investments and retooling.

Asked about reports of unemployment, Zur said that all the firm's plants, from Dimona in the south to Hatzor-Mahanayim in the north were either working at full employment or were short of workers.

Zur said that the Kitan Dimona plant was short of 50 workers. He added that it was difficult not only to find workers in the Jewish sector but also among the Arabs of the administered territories. Arabs from Hebron and the vicinity who in the past worked in Dimona, are now finding better jobs closer home.

In answer to a question Zur said that he believed part of Clal's success in labour relations was that it worked on a decentralized basis, each plant retaining a high degree of autonomy. "Good managers are

one of the main reasons for our success," he said.

Zur sounded optimistic about 1976 sales. The target of Clal's industrial division for 1976 is IL3,102m. This compares with sales of IL2,364m. in 1975.

He added that the research and development department of the Clal was now working hard on finding ways to harness solar energy. Research in this field was aided by funds (up to 50 per cent on each project) by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Electra was in an advanced stage of developing a large Solar collector, capable of solving all the heating problems of large apartment houses.

Yitzhak Lavie, the manager of Electra, said that the net profit of the company for 1975 rose by more than IL500,000 and reached IL4.16m. Sales were IL2,05m., and the target for 1976 was IL2,30m., of this IL2.2m. in exports.

## NEW YORK STOCKS

Tuesday, July 20, 1976

## Downtrend continues

NEW YORK. — The stock market declined broadly yesterday, continuing a week-long downturn. Trading was fairly quiet. Analysts traced the cautious mood to Wall Street to interest rate worries and disappointment with the market's downward turn after it reached new highs for the year a week ago Monday.

The U.S. government's report of a

4.4 per cent rise in the gross national product in the second quarter, down sharply from the first quarter pace, was in line with previous projections by economists. But some brokers said it nevertheless was no help to a market that was already on the defensive.

Closing prices were not available last night owing to a communications breakdown.

## Kochav leaving Defence Ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
David Kochav is leaving the Defence Ministry after four years as economic adviser to the Minister to become deputy general manager of Bank Leumi. Kochav joined the Ministry in 1972 on a three-year contract, but agreed to extend by one year.

For the last 10 months he has been serving as coordinator of economic affairs in the ministry. His post will not be filled, but the position of economic adviser to the Minister will be filled by Kochav's assistant, Yacov Lipschitz.

Kochav, 49, was director of the national Planning Authority until 1965, when he went to Washington to serve as an economic adviser to the World Bank. On his return Israel he served for three years as Director-General of Tahal, the later planning authority.

## New benefit for pregnant women

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Women workers will no longer lose pay for time taken off for regular pre-natal medical examinations.

The new benefit became law yesterday as the Knesset approved a Government-sponsored amendment to the 1954 Women's Work Law. The amendment grants a woman worker up to 40 hours paid off time during her pregnancy for necessary examinations and check-ups until she gives birth.

Shoshana Arbel-Almosino, chairman of the Labour Committee, explained that the law was needed since the overwhelming majority of this country's mother-and-child health stations are open only for the first half of the day.

The new benefit will not be available to women workers who live near the few health stations which are open in the afternoons as well.

## IL200m. budget for Beersheba

BEERSHEBA. — This city's 200m. budget for 1976-1977 was approved by the municipal council Monday night.

At the council session, Mayor Hahu Navi pointed out that the municipalities have not yet been assured that the money allocated by the Treasury to the Interior Ministry would indeed be transferred to them.

Opposition member Israel Shilat (Likud) complained of the municipal leadership's discriminatory approach on construction offices. He claimed that big contractors are not brought to justice, whereas multi-time builders are punished in building-law infringements. The mayor denied the allegations. (Ilum)

## MORE PEOPLE GOING ABROAD

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
During the first half of 1976, 118,600 Israel residents left the country, while 98,600 returned to it. In the same period last year, the outgoing number was 108,300, while the number returning was 89,100.

The net loss of residents thus grew from 19,200 in 1975 (January through June) to 20,000 in 1976. In proportion to the number of departures these figures show no substantial difference. In absolute numbers, however, the net loss this year was four per cent higher than last year.

The statistics, issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics, are the only information from which emigration figures can be estimated, since few Israelis leaving declare their intention to emigrate.

## Price of independence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

INDEPENDENT and possibly talented free-lancers in the media face hostile attitudes in their fight for economic survival in Israel. "Who needs them? Why can't they get a regular job?" is the prevailing view according to one free-lance writer who unburdened himself of her woes to *The Jerusalem Post* recently.

"The answer is simple," journalist Sybil Kaufman wrote. We free-lancers mostly come from countries where initiative in working for oneself is recognized and respected." Ms. Kaufman summarized the experiences here of free-lancers who write, lecture or work as photographers.

It is not uncommon for a free-lancer to wait two to five months for payment for work done — often when it was undertaken as a "rush job" because a regular employee was too busy or otherwise unable to handle the job.

In the media, a free-lancer is rarely asked what payment he wants; he is simply told the rate and then can take it or leave it. The free-lancer is not insured against injury when on the job and must pay his own National Insurance. He must also establish his own pension fund.

The tenor of these complaints has been echoed in another letter from free-lance journalist, Joan Borstein, who specifically complained of her experience with the Jewish Agency-Ministry of Absorp-

tion's Department of Information and Publication. Here is the account of her experience with the department's audio-visual section, after working for it on-and-off for almost two years.

"I produced four slide shows, compiled three major pieces of research, and once replaced the responsible official while she was on leave.

"For my first slide show in July 1973, I got less money than was promised, but I was grateful for the opportunity of doing the work. In October, after hearing that I would be paid 'any day' for almost a month, I made my way to the office of the Jewish Agency Treasurer, where cheques are issued. In this office it became clear that 'any day' meant 'possibly never,' because the contract for the programme had never been signed.

"In the end, the treasurer was kind enough to authorize enough money to pay my fee and that of the photographers.

"I should have learned from the experience, but didn't. I wanted to keep going as a free-lancer." "Fortunately not all agencies are slow in paying free-lancers. The UJA always pays promptly. The Aliya Department of the Jewish Agency, which occasionally slips up, is at least considerate enough to send late cheques by express mail. It also frequently pays early — something the Department of Information and Publication has never done for me."

## Frozen out by VAT

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHEOD. — Many local green-grocers who used to sell Sunfrost frozen fruit and vegetables have stopped doing so since the introduction of the Value Added Tax at the beginning of this month.

The reason for this voluntary restriction of their business is that while fresh produce is exempt from VAT, frozen produce is not. The green-grocers have severed their ties with Sunfrost to avoid having to deal with the tax authorities.

At a press tour of the Sunfrost plant here Monday manager Abraham Blasse admitted that VAT was biting into sales. He added that his firm had appealed to the Finance Ministry and expected a decision on this issue in a couple of weeks.

The firm claims that since fresh vegetables and fruit do not carry VAT, their product, which is actually fresh produce — only frozen — should also not come under VAT.

The five-year-old plant belongs to the industrial division of Clal. It expects to have sales of IL3.2m. in the local market and IL2.9m. in exports this year.

Blasse said that if there was a drop in sales in the local market, there would be no problem in exporting the unsold merchandise. On top of that its sales potential had increased in Europe because of the drought there. The firm had already received extra orders from its representatives abroad, he said.

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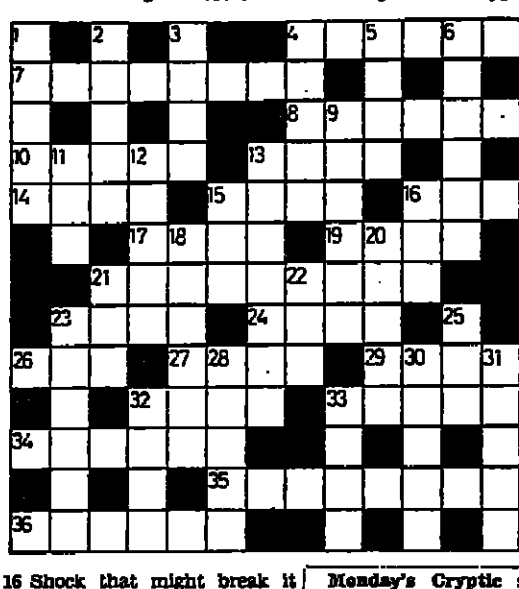


# TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle.

## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

- ACROSS
1. Apportion a good deal to one man (6)
  2. Describes roughly what are no longer stocked (8)
  3. A break that makes us a hit (6)
  4. They're sure to form a crest (5)
  5. Improve people a lot (4)
  6. Ill-made dish (4)
  7. Crown supporter (4)
  8. Sweet immobility (3)
  9. Dramatic weather (4)
  10. Port Nam spills (4)
  11. Musical live-wire (9)
  12. No wireless telephony or anything (4)
  13. A pre-match fling (4)
  14. Backer of aerial expertise (3)
  15. Picked in a song (4)
  16. They're among the nicest things you can eat (4)
  17. Rocky resting-places (4)
  18. Eat well and rapidly out East (5)
  19. Earlier blend of beer (6)
  20. It's internal, everybody getting disoriented (5)
  21. Walk a little way for the bread (6)



- DOWN
1. Liberty light (4)
  2. Are they pointed out in space? (5)
  3. Accommodation for archaeologists (4)
  4. Very pale Anglo-Saxon female (5)
  5. Heavy rain? (4)
  6. Bird taking a count (6)
  7. Arrange to sing "Gold and Silver" (4)
  8. Sound receiver (3)
  9. Make pottery of potential waste (5)
  10. Meeting times? (7)
  11. Fox! (3)

- Monday's Cryptic solution
- ACROSS
1. Modest (5)
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  20. Modest (5)
  21. Modest (5)

## EASY PUZZLE

- ACROSS
1. Rigid (5)
  2. Fisherman's basket (5)
  3. Money (4)
  4. Sound of pain or grief (5)
  5. Tumbled (5)
  6. Inside (6)
  7. Sheltered side (5)
  8. Look fixedly (5)
  9. Women (7)
  10. Apex (3)
  11. Loving (5)
  12. Wraith (5)
  13. Deep hole (5)
  14. Free (3)
  15. Surgical instrument (6)
  16. Lair (3)
  17. Composition (5)
  18. Weak (5)
  19. Players (6)
  20. Advance (4)
  21. File (4)

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## BRIDGES TO LEBANON

IN A BURST of perhaps excessive enthusiasm, Defence Minister Shimon Peres has described the Lebanese civilians arriving in Israel these days for medical treatment as "the forerunners of peace and open bridges."

Mr. Peres indicated, during a visit to the northern frontier area on Monday, that the border might soon be opened wide enough not only to provide succour for the ailing and the maimed, but also to make possible, for the first time, open trading with the farmers and merchants of Southern Lebanon. The experience of the "open bridges" with Jordan in the east would then be duplicated with Lebanon in the north.

That is the earnest wish of all the people of this country. The record of friendship between the Lebanese, both Christian and Moslem, and Israeli Jews goes back many years. Veteran settlers of Upper Galilee still recall the days when mutual visits in the homes of friends across the border were commonplace. These were abruptly stopped when Lebanon joined in the Arab League assault on Israel the moment the Jewish State declared its independence.

The hope persisted that Lebanon, as the saying went, "would be the second Arab state to make peace with Israel." With that idea in mind, the Israel Defence Forces withdrew from a wide stretch of Lebanese territory that had been occupied in the War of Independence, without asking for anything unusual in return under the Armistice Agreement. The compensation was to have in Lebanon a neighbour rather less hostile than the other Arab countries.

But it did not become a serious candidate for peace negotiations. Indeed, Lebanon's prudent avoidance of further war against Israel, which kept it from losing any further territory, was often cited as an excuse for avoiding talks on future settlement. But the absence of peace was also given as reason for the eventual conversion of Southern Lebanon into Fatahland, a base for murderous sallies across the frontier into Israel.

It was that fateful decision by Lebanon's leaders to virtually cede a part of their homeland to the PLO which last year brought about the still unended civil war, and the Syrian intervention. From the ashes of that war, however, a new hope for amity between Lebanese and Israelis may now be springing. The PLO is alive to the threat which this human rapprochement poses to them, and they have sternly warned Lebanese civilians who have recourse to Israel's medical services of possible danger to their persons.

That this attempt at intimidation has not worked may be due to several causes. The Lebanese who come here are in too dire a need of what Israel can offer them to worry about the harm that the terrorists can do to them. The terrorists' ability to do harm has been appreciably reduced in recent weeks. And there may also be the growing awareness (even in a section of that country which is less well disposed towards Israel than some others where the Christians hold sway) that it is, after all, Yasser Arafat and not Yitzhak Rabin who covets Lebanon.

A word of caution must, of course, be entered. A formal arrangement of "open bridges" is still only a distant hope. Even with regard to Jordan, "open bridges" have not yet led to any further giant steps towards peace. There is obviously a long way from a doctor's injection to a statesman's agreement. But in the long run, any little shot in the arm may prove to have been salutary.

## KEEP THEM FLYING

THE PEOPLE of Israel yesterday joined in joy, pride and gratitude in celebrating Air Force Day.

From the humblest of beginnings 28 years ago, the Air Force has grown to become this country's mighty protective shield, and terrible scourge to its enemies. Small in sheer numbers when compared with the Arab fleets, it has repeatedly proved its ability to outfight them all.

The Air Force now boasts an improved version of the home-made fighter, the Kfir. But the Force's true pride is the men who handle its planes. Technological advances, including the introduction of missiles, have placed fresh burdens on the Air Force, and have made it continuously rethink its strategy and tactics. But it has not in any way diminished the central importance of the Air Force men.

"Hatovim La'tayir" ("The best men for the cockpit") is no longer used as a recruiting slogan in the defence forces. But it remains true that Israel's fighting aviation deserves the best men — and that it deserves to keep them there. That is easier said than done. The allure of the civilian market is great, and if it cannot beat the Air Force in the public esteem, it can certainly outbid it by way of material remuneration.

Israel cannot afford to weaken the most powerful guarantee of its security and the greatest force for peace in the Middle East.

## ISRAEL PRESS

### Keeping up with the Russians

HA'ARETZ (Independent) comments on the entry of the Soviet aircraft carrier Kiev into the Mediterranean. The paper sees this as an important development pointing out that according to the facts available the Kiev is in operational condition. "It is possible that the Soviet Command sent the ship for training purposes, but the fact that aerial reconnaissance photographs showed only two helicopters on the flight deck does not rule out the possibility of combat aircraft being concealed on a lower deck. Many will ask why the Soviet Union, whose difficulties in supplying its inhabitants with the basic necessities of life are well known, should devote gigantic sums to the building and operation of warships like the Kiev... It imposes the necessity of competition on the U.S. and if the West is not prepared to participate in the struggle for naval supremacy the global balance of power will turn against it."

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WHAT POSSIBLE advantage can accrue to Israel from putting "all the Arabs" into one bag and branding them all as terrorists?

It should be obvious that those who stand to gain the most from such a tactic are the Arab extremists, who not so long ago used to hold demonstrations under the slogan of "We're all Fedayeen." At the time most of us viewed it as an offensive slogan, aimed at undermining any possible influence by the moderates on Arab public opinion. Yet this is exactly what has been done by our press and Government alike during the last few weeks.

It may of course be argued that the entire PLO (and not only the splinter group responsible for the hijacking of the Air France plane) was conceived as a terrorist organization. That is quite true. Moreover, it may be said that if the official PLO leadership now finds it necessary to dissociate itself from the hijacking, and even denounces it, it does so not for the love of Israel, nor even out of principled opposition to terrorist methods.

All this is perfectly true — except that the same argument could equally be used against the "moderate" Arab governments, whose latest condemnation of terrorism is also of fairly recent origin. Yet Israel has wisely refrained from pointing this out publicly. After all, why should it be Israel's task to unite all the Arab countries behind terrorism? Indeed, why should it be Israel's task to rally all parts of the PLO behind the most extremist terrorist faction within it? Even if their condemnation of hijacking is not sincere, why should we not make use of it?

There can be only one section of the Israeli public community which is interested in strengthening Arab extremists: our own extremists. For it is a well-known fact that the most valuable assistance rendered to the "hawks" on either side is by the "hawks" on the other side. Quite

# Needed: a dynamic policy on the Palestinians

The PLO, in its present form, is of course totally unacceptable to Israel, "but it seems we are doing everything in our power to make sure that it does not change," writes ASHER MANIV.

clearly, if "all the Arabs" are terrorists, if all of them aim only at the total destruction of Israel, then there is nobody to talk with and nothing to talk about. All that remains for us to do is to rest on our bayonets, and preserve the status quo. In order to prove that point every effort is made to find suitable selective quotations from statements by Arab leaders; and since politicians (not only in this country) like to make many — and often conflicting — statements, this is not really a very difficult job.

OUR "HAWKS," like all extremists, tend to see everything in black-and-white. But the sophisticated observer should automatically distrust all arguments which treat "The Arabs" as a single entity. Indeed, "The Arabs" are a reality no more than "The Jews" — even with respect to Israel and Zionism. This is in fact where internal differentiation becomes inevitable. And the rational thing to do is to take advantage of such differentiation in the adversary's camp, to encourage those who are most willing to come to terms with you, to discredit those who are not — and to turn the former against the latter. If some of the Arabs have come to the conclusion that terrorism does not serve their pur-

poses any longer, it would only be logical to help them dissociate themselves from those who still preach it openly.

However, it is not only our "hawks" who indulge in generalizations about "The Arabs." At least with regard to the PLO, this was the line adopted after Entebbe in the leading articles of many respectable newspapers, as well as by our foremost Government spokesmen — and in the otherwise brilliant address of our UN Ambassador at the Security Council. Since we no longer adhere to the argument that there are no Palestinians, it must be assumed that the idea was to discredit the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people. But how is an alternative Palestinian representation expected to arise? To hope for a sudden emergence of a peaceable alternative in opposition to the PLO, or even for the sudden general recognition of King Hussein as the sole representative of the Palestinians, is but an illusion. After all, we ourselves do nothing to encourage the formation of an alternative leadership in the administered territories, when we still had the opportunity to do so, and now we are actively jeopardizing the only realistic chance of achieving that same end. The best prospect at the

moment seems to be either in a transformation of the PLO, or in a split within its ranks.

There are some people in this country who are hoping for the miraculous disappearance of the PLO as a result of the heavy blows it was dealt by the Syrians in the Lebanese war. But it would hardly be wise to expect Hafez Assad to oblige us to that extent. He may want the Syrian-controlled Salqa to get the upper hand, but he is certainly committed to the continued existence of some kind of a PLO. Even if the rift between them became final, there would be other Arab countries — Egypt in particular — eager to take Syria's place as champion of the PLO.

In any case, the coming apart of the PLO can only be desirable from the Israeli point of view. Yet our spokesmen go to great lengths to discourage any thought of internal dissection in the PLO, hoping against hope that by doing so they can eliminate that organization entirely or convince the "enlightened" world not to deal with it.

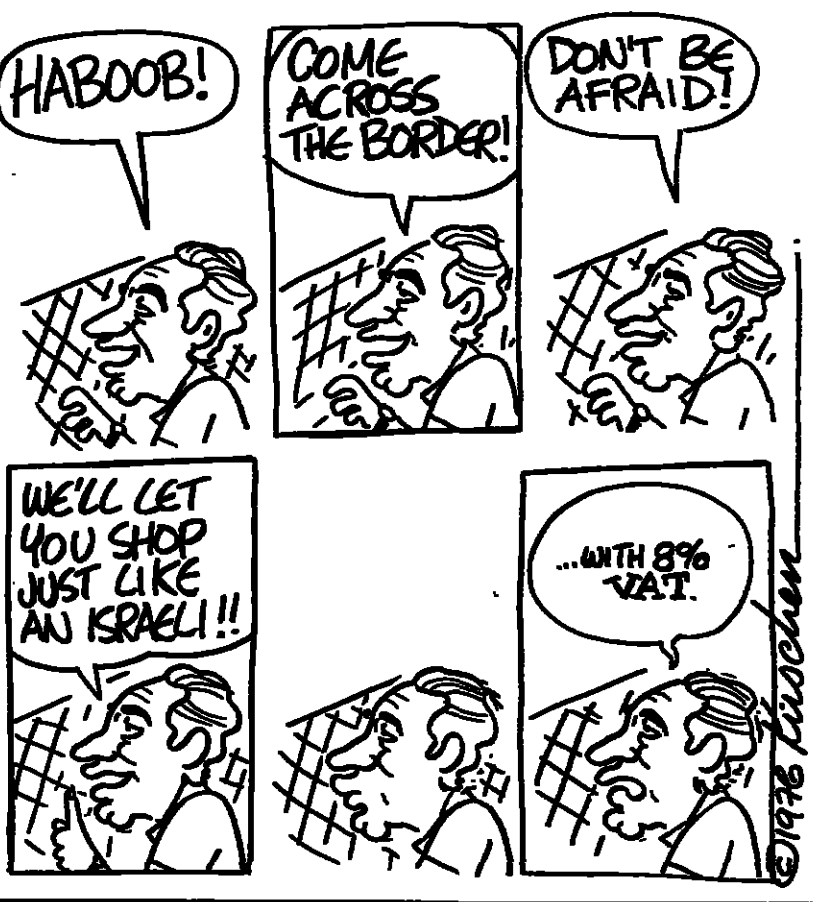
YET PRECISELY because of the blows which the PLO suffered in Lebanon, this is a right time for promoting heterogeneity within its ranks, and thus sowing the seeds of a

possible future alternative. The PLO in its present form is, of course, totally unacceptable to Israel, but it seems we are doing everything in our power to make sure that it does not change.

A great deal has passed since the leader of the PLO, Yasser Arafat, declared in a Time Magazine interview last February that this was "the suitable time to struggle" to steer the PLO leadership and the Syrian regime away from a path that will lead them to recognize Israel. Habash has remained true to his programme. However, if this is Habash's aim, should it not be our purpose to at least try to steer the PLO in the opposite direction? Moreover, if Habash fears that the PLO leadership might embark on "a path that will lead them to recognize Israel," that "danger" apparently exists. If so, why not exploit it? That would not necessarily entail the establishment of a separate Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria. But it would entail our recognition of the fact that an alternative Palestinian representation cannot arise suddenly out of a political void.

Anybody expecting to wake up one bright morning to find the Arab in general, and the Palestinians in particular, with a complete change of heart, must be very naive indeed. Precipitate changes do not occur in history except as a result of revolutions or wars. Yet nothing is static in history. Every little step creates its own dynamics and prepares for the next step. The use of Arafat's condemnation of a hijacking does not make a sumner. But in politics, declarations — even if based on the wrong reasons — can have a value of their own. Even if it is Yasser Arafat who sets the ball rolling, he may not be able to control its course in the future. In any case, Israel has nothing to lose, but much to gain, by allowing it to roll.

## Dry Bones



DOUGLAS WATSON / THE WASHINGTON POST

## Luxury hotel is home for needy refugees

JOURNIEH, LEBANON. — Living inconspicuously in a luxury seafront hotel near here are hundreds of impoverished refugees from Lebanon's civil war.

Situated where the Mediterranean surf breaks dramatically on the rocky coast, the 350-unit Rabian Marine Beach resort is an unlikely refugee camp.

But this is what it became in January after the leftists captured and sacked the predominantly Maronite Christian town of Damour on the coast 16 kilometres south of Beirut.

Thousands of Damour's residents escaped to safety by sea, but most could take only what they were wearing in the hasty evacuation by small boats.

Forty-four families from Damour occupy the top six floors of the hotel's new 12-storey tower. The view is stunning, but there are few other compensations. The building is without running water, meaning that buckets of water must be hauled up the flights of stairs endlessly for cooking and bathing.

The Damour refugees' hotel rooms are practically bare. Many rooms have five or six persons sleeping on foam rubber pads laid on the floor. Because most of the refugees have not been able to find jobs, they often cannot even afford to buy bread, existing largely on limited food contributions.

The Damour refugees don't know when, if ever, they will be able to return to their burned-out homes.

A lawyer from Damour said that since the gutting of the town there had been other attacks against Maronites in nearby villages. It's not safe for any Christian to stay in that area.

Unlike the Damour refugees, the majority of the families who have been living for months at the Rabian Marine Beach resort are paying guests, but almost all are also war refugees.

Beach huts of only 30 square metres that first sold for \$5,000 two years ago, before the war, now cost over \$25,000 because of the great demand for housing out of range of the shelling.

Hamid Jeha, a civil engineer, moved his family into one in June after their apartment building in eastern Beirut was shelled for the second time. The Jeha family have a second home in the mountains, but it is in leftist-held territory into which they fear to venture.

Sitting in his bathing suit near the hotel's huge pool, Jeha said: "I lost over \$300,000 in the clashes, but thank God we're safe."

A house-painter from Damour finds it hard to understand why he is living in a high-rise luxury hotel with practically nothing to his name. He said: "I don't know what went wrong in this country. They used to call it a second Switzerland."

## READERS' LETTERS

### ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With reference to your report of July 15 on the question of elections for the forthcoming Zionist Congress, may I point out that Herut-Hatzohar strenuously opposed the proposed changes in the regulations both in the Constitution Commission and at the session of the Zionist General Council.

Herut-Hatzohar termed these changes undemocratic, unconstitutional and illegal.

Herut-Hatzohar did not recognize the Zionist General Council's right to vote on the matter; after announcing its unyielding opposition, it made it clear that it would not be a party to an illegal act either directly or indirectly, and, therefore, did not participate in the vote.

At the time, the Herut-Hatzohar spokesman announced that the fight against implementation of this illegal decision would begin now.

ELLIE BERGMAN, Secretary  
Herut-Hatzohar World Executive  
Tel Aviv.

### YAD VASHEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Tremendous talent and imagination, not to speak of funds, have been invested in the buildings, grounds, gardens and landscaping of Yad Vashem, but pitifully little, by comparison, has been put into the exhibits. My visit to Yad Vashem today reminded me of many American synagogues, magnificent architectural monuments, physically imposing, but spiritually and religiously barren and sterile.

To think that the overwhelming tragedy of the Holocaust is treated with so little imagination, that the wealth of materials available are displayed with so little creativity and talent, was to me a deep disappointment. Many exhibits are so inadequately lighted that it is impossible to read the inscriptions; there is little use of sound, depth or light; there are no ongoing continuous movies; there is no projection of pictures or messages on the walls or through television devices; there is little colour, little drama, no music. The material is inadequate and poor. You might think that we did not live in the era of modern audio-visual projection. If but five per cent of the cost of the physical plant were invested in the message and experience of the Holocaust, the visitor would be overwhelmed.

If Yad Vashem is the memorial to the great Jewish tragedy which gave rise to the State of Israel, then we owe its visitors a more fitting and moving memorial.

RABBI PINHAS STOPLER  
Jerusalem (New York).

### U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY

Because of a printing error, Rabbi D. Talansky's letter, "American Social Security Cheques" which appeared in our issue of July 19 gave the mistaken impression that the Government granted recipients of these cheques a favourable rate. In fact the purpose of Rabbi Talansky's letter was to appeal to the Government to give social security recipients a rate linked to the cost-of-living index.

## RABIN'S OFFHAND DISCLOSURE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It has been brought to my attention that, although not reported in The Post (or apparently some other papers), Prime Minister Rabin revealed at the Mapam Convention on June 10 that sometime earlier, the Israeli Government privately requested the U.S. Government to reconvene the Geneva Conference; that the U.S. Government requested the participation of the USSR, and that the latter set two preconditions: a) that the PLO be invited from the start and b) that Israel agree in advance to full withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967. Mr. Rabin stated that the U.S. agreed with Israel that such preconditions were not acceptable and that this agreement lay behind the current consensus between the U.S. and Israeli policy makers.

This remarkable announcement, made as an offhand rejoinder to critics of Government policy, illustrates the key defects of its present approach. From the point of view of presenting Israel's position in its true light so as to restore international sympathy and support, nothing could be more inexplicable than keeping both this initiative and the detailed nature of the response in

obscurity. This is particularly true when the Egyptian Government has repeatedly protested its readiness to return immediately to Geneva (without the preconditions mentioned above). The Soviet Government has also declared its readiness to return to Geneva, mentioning the points reported by Mr. Rabin, but not specifying that they were preconditions for a return to the Geneva Conference. As far as the world public opinion is concerned, Israel belongs to the small group of countries, including Syria, which avoids a clear acceptance of a return to Geneva.

Mr. Rabin's manner of revealing our initiative implies a lack of seriousness, both on our part and on that of the U.S. If we were serious about moving on to multilateral negotiations, we would publicize both the initiative and, even more certainly, the unreasonable response. Clearly, if we must accept withdrawal from all the territories in advance, there is little to negotiate about. If subsequent publicity and general pressure did not modify these preconditions, nothing would be lost. Israel would at least stand forth clearly as a party ready to begin negotiations.

RICHARD ABLIN  
Jerusalem

## 'NO EROSION IN U.S. SUPPORT'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Ari Rath errs in writing of an erosion of U.S. support for Israel (July 2). There has been no erosion in America's commitment to Israel's independence. What has happened is that American supporters of Israel, Jew and non-Jew, in and out of government, increasingly distinguish support for Israel's independence from support for Israel's retention of the occupied territories.

What jeopardizes Israel's American support is its apparent failure to recognize this distinction and to draw appropriate conclusions from Americans' fear of another Vietnam, dislike of large overseas expenditures, and increasing economic and political pressure to achieve a settlement of the conflict acceptable to the Arabs. "Standing up" to the U.S. with the government hard-line, or the opposition's harder-line, will only worsen matters. It will reinforce the dangerous view of Israel as the obstacle to peace and will divert attention away from the fact that the basic obstacle to peace is the Arabs' refusal to accept Israel within any borders.

DAVID A. GUBERMAN  
Newton, Massachusetts.

### TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The number of administrative workers at Tel Aviv University is approximately 1,500 and not 3,000 as indicated in Ms. Levavi's article of July 13. 3,000 is the number of faculty members plus administrative staff. The University plans to eliminate approximately 240 positions, eight per cent of the total number of positions in the University, both faculty and administrative.

VARDA CHECHIK, Spokesperson  
Tel Aviv University  
Tel Aviv.

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